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AIR BATTLE OVER N. SEA

R.A.F. Machines Outnumbered Four To One, Accept Challenge

LONDON, JAN. 2 (REUTER).—A BIG BATTLE BETWEEN THREE R.A.F. BOMBERS AND 12 NAZI FIGHTERS WAS FOUGHT NEAR THE GERMAN COAST TO-DAY.

THE STORY IS TOLD BY THE AIR MINISTRY IN THE FOLLOWING BULLETIN:

"There has been extensive air activity over the North Sea to-day, and in the neighbouring German coast during the afternoon.

"A formation of three R.A.F. bombers encountered a squadron of 12 Messerschmidt long-range fighters well out at sea.

"The formation, although heavily out-numbered, gave battle to the enemy.

"One Messerschmidt was shot down in flames, and two others were driven down and are likely to have been lost.

"One of the three bombers returned safely. The second was shot down during the encounter. The third is missing."

Nazis Over Belgium?

BRUSSELS, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Foreign aircraft flew over Belgium, drawing fire from anti-aircraft guns, while Belgian fighters went up to intercept them.

The planes are believed to be German but official confirmation is lacking.

Key-Men May Volunteer

Britain's Relaxed Regulations

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Labour and National Service announces that operation of the schedule of reserved occupations have been relaxed in order to permit men of, or above, the age of reservation in certain occupations, to volunteer for service in the forces, or in the civil defence services.

Men in the occupations included in List 1 (numbering 42 occupations, including editorial staffs of news-papers, periodicals and news agencies) may volunteer for any branch of the defence services, but men in the occupations in List 2 (including masons, boat-repairers, senior clerks, cooks, dock and harbour workers and lithographers) can be accepted for service only in their trade capacity.

Further relaxation of the schedule is being made in order to permit recruitment, irrespective of ages of reservation, of the large number of building and road-making operatives required by the B.E.F. in France, and also certain classes of building operatives for full-time duties in A.R.P. and rescue services.

Reds Seek Instructors

Soviets Have Learnt From Nazis Before

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—"If Stalin receives technical reinforcements from Germany to help him in the war in Finland, it will not be the first time that the Red Army has been stiffened with German military instructors," says "Reuter's" military correspondent.

Influenced 1937 Purge

"In the pre-Hitler decade, thousands of German professional officers and non-commissioned officers were employed with the Soviet armies," but Hitler recalled them when he rose to power.

"The purge of 1937, when Stalin removed or executed many of his own officers arose directly from the influence exercised on their outlook by German training."

Colony Has Month of Sunshine and Drought

LAST MONTH was the brightest December in the history of the Colony.

According to official Royal Observatory figures, Hongkong enjoyed no less than 269.2 hours of sunshine during the 31 days of December, which is 20 hours better

than the previous maximum of 249 hours.

A thirty-year-old record was thus smashed.

98 Hours Above Normal

The astonishing sunshine figures can be better appreciated when it is stated that the normal sunshine for December is 171 hours. Last month exceeded this by no less than 98 hours.

The low record for December is 71.9 hours, which were recorded 37 years ago.

The aggregate hours of sunshine for the whole of 1939 are not yet available.

Rainless Month

However, another interesting fact about Hongkong's weather during last month was that it ranks with the Decembers of 1884 and 1895 as being the only ones in which no rainfall was recorded.

Temperatures Normal

Curiously enough, although we had no rain and registered a record number of sunshine hours, the December temperature remained at normal levels.

The monthly mean was 63, which is precisely the mean temperature for December. The normal maximum reached 69 degrees, which was slightly above the average normal, namely 67.5, but was not a record. The record normal maximum is 71.2 degrees.

The normal minimum for the month registered 57 degrees compared with a normal of 58.0, and a record mean high of 62.4 degrees.

However, it was three degrees better than the low record of 54.

Year Of Unusual Weather

The year was noted for its vagaries of weather. A drought gave way to some extremely heavy rainfall which allowed the aggregate figures to move from well below average to well above it. Despite December's dryness, the aggregate rainfall for the year managed to exceed the average.

The freak typhoon in November helped to complete a year of unusual weather conditions.

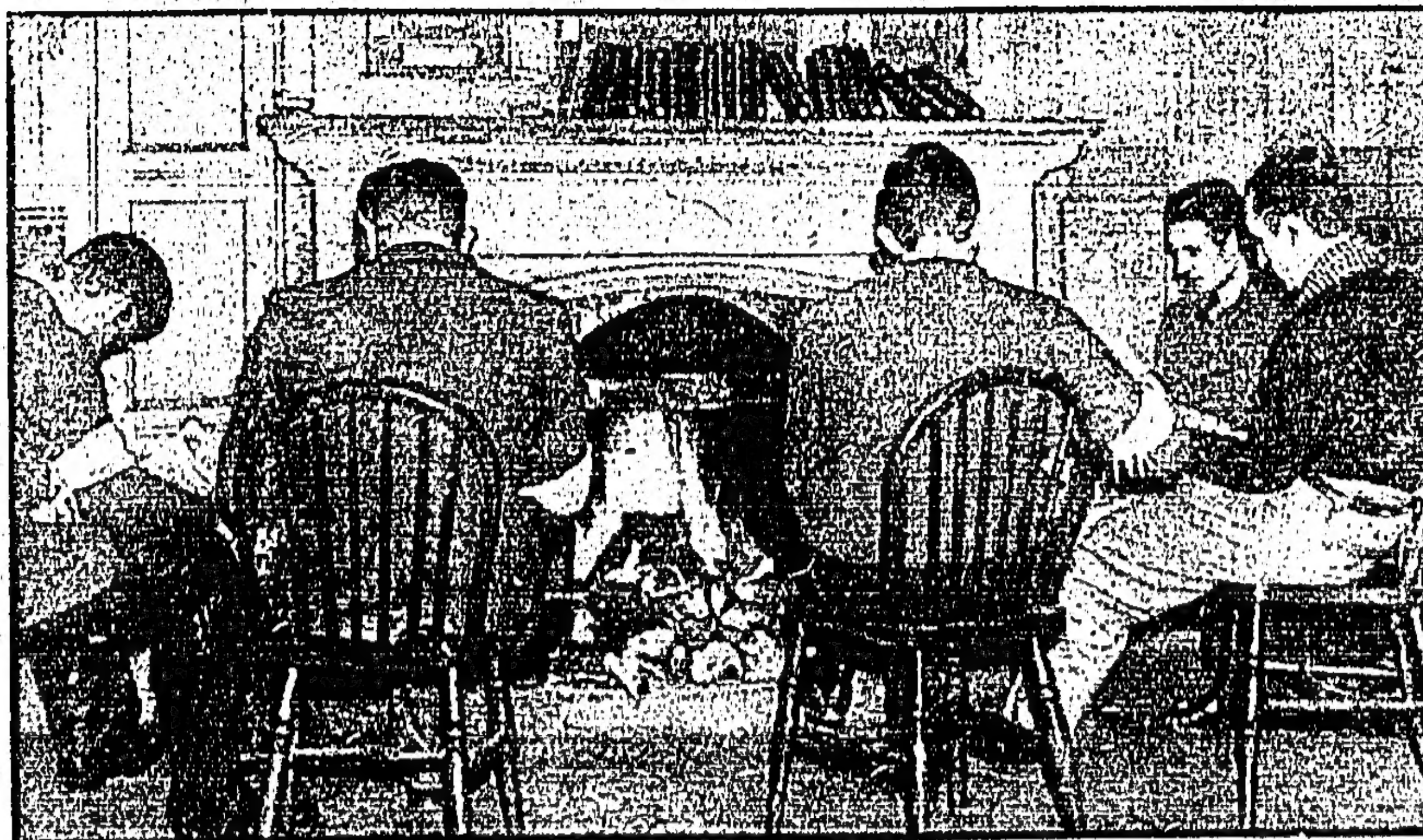
NORMAL ACTIVITY

PARIS, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The following communiqué was issued to-day:

"There was normal activity of contact units and some renewal of aviation activity."

Temperature is 40 below zero and has almost completely paralyzed operations.

The Russians show no inclination to make fresh attempts to advance to the Gulf of Bohemia down the front. Artillery activity which is extensively mined by the Finns.



FIRST pictures of German officer prisoners of war in the British camp which they have nick-named the "U-Boat Hotel." They are seen seated round a log-fire reading.



... cooking their meals and (below) being taught to darn their socks.



STOCK EXCHANGE ACTIVITY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange, the week-end accumulation of buying orders caused an early brisk activity, which, however, was not maintained, though prices held the initial gains.

Gifted securities and home industries were particularly prominent on a good investment demand from the provinces.

Of the commodities, shellac was firm and there was a good trade investment demand for cotton in Liverpool.

American futures closed with the permissible advance of 25 points on general buying.
Wall Street was steady.

DICTATORS EXCHANGE GREETINGS

Kindred Aspirations Emphasised

BERLIN, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Hitler and Mussolini exchanged New Year greetings, according to the official German News Agency.

Hitler telegraphed: "On the occasion of the New Year, I express my heartfelt congratulations to you, Il Duce, in sincere friendship. Under your strong and tried leadership, may Fascist Italy, allied to National-Socialist Germany, succeed in fulfilling its national tasks."

Mussolini replied: "I reciprocate in the same brotherly cordiality the congratulations you have expressed to me at the turn of the year. I express the same wishes for Nationalist-Socialist Germany as you have expressed."

PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

Nazis Claim To Have Sunk More Than 1,000,000 Tons Of Allied Shipping

BUT REAL FACTS WILL BE FOUND BELOW

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The German boast that over a million tons of Allied and neutral shipping has been sunk is the usual exaggeration.

The average weekly loss of British tonnage in 16 weeks is 25,000. The average weekly increment by new construction and otherwise is 25,000.

True Figures

Total losses to the end of the year were as follows:

Seventeen Naval vessels, including eight warships, with a total displacement of 58,120 tons.
Nine chartered vessels, namely the Rawalpindi and eight trawlers and drifters, with a total of 10,000 gross tonnage.
One hundred and seventeen British

12 Allied and 81 neutral merchant ships with a total gross tonnage of 421,404, 79,101 and 243,223.

It is misleading to add the displacement of the German U-boats to the tonnage of the Allied and neutral ships. The tonnage of the German U-boats is not included in the tonnage of the Allied and neutral ships.

American Protest Lodged

British Consorsip Of Mails

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (UP).—The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, announces that the United States had vigorously protested to Great Britain against interference of American mails on the High Seas.

The American Embassy at London was instructed to enter the protest on December 22.

Mr. Hull cited specific instances in which British authorities had seized mail on board American and other neutral ships originating in the United States and addressed to Germany.

In addition there were "many individual instances of British censorship of American mails."

Mr. Hull added that the United States "readily admits the right of the British government to censor private mails originating in or destined to the United Kingdom or which normally pass through the United Kingdom for transmission to final destination," but "we cannot admit the right of the British authorities to interfere with American mails on board American or other neutral ships, nor the right of the British government to censor mail on ships which involuntarily entered British ports."

He concluded with the hope that the State Department would "receive early assurances" that interference with American mails has been discontinued.

LATEST

See Back Page For
Further Late News

HONGKONG ALARM

Naval Authorities To Explain

Though intending to give a frank explanation, the Naval Authorities were not in a position this morning to state the exact nature of the alarm which motivated the precautionary closing of the Harbour for short period yesterday.

From the rumour that a Japanese fleet was in the vicinity of the Colony, it was entirely without foundation. It is believed that the of shore patrol simply considered it wise to give an alarm while it reassured itself regarding the Colony's defence.

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Conditions In Palestine

Steady Improvement Is Observed

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The latest authoritative advice in London show that security in the conditions in Palestine continued to improve during the month of December.

There has been a steady increase in recovery of arms, both by surrender and seizure, particularly in the areas where collection was formerly difficult.

Despite the fact that there remains some propaganda on pro-Mufti lines, relations between the people and the Government are still more cordial.

The tendency for better relations between the Arabs and Jews is apparent, especially in the Tel Aviv area. Recruiting for the Auxiliary Pioneer Corps is making good progress.

German Compromise

Paris, Jan. 1. The Rome correspondent of the Petit Parisien to-day reports that internal changes are being prepared in Germany to convince the Allies that the Nazis are willing to make peace.

The programme includes: (1) Hitler to become President of the German Empire, the same post occupied by Hindenburg; (2) Field Marshal Goering to be named Chancellor; (3) The Nazi Reichstag to be dissolved; (4) Charge of foreign affairs to be given to a professional diplomat, probably Baron von Mackenrodt; (5) Dr. Helmer Schmidt to resume charge of the Ministry of Economics; (6) The programme of the new Government to remain silent on Imperialist designs; (7) Slackening of relations with the Soviet Union; (8) The promise of the re-creation of a limited Poland and Czechoslovakia under the arbitrage of a well known personality; (9) Denunciation of the autarchic system and a return to normal world economy; (10) According to the report, Generals Reichenau and Brauckhoff are in agreement with the Nazi leaders and are sounding the moguls of German heavy industry, who appear to be agreed on any internal solution which will prevent Germany from slipping further towards a Bolshevik economic system.—United Press.

PROPELLER LOST

Copenhagen, Jan. 2. The German steamer Hohann lost a 2,000 tons, is drifting and has lost a propeller, wrecked, having north of Trondhjem, that she had a dangerous rocky shoal. The Norwegian steamer Dronning, bound for Kongsberg, found the steamer.

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H. E. The Governor has graciously consented to open the Show at 2.30 p.m. on January 6th, 1940. Prices will be distributed by J. Barrow, Esq., District Officer, Northern District at 2.30 p.m. on January 7th, 1940.

Concession rates kindly granted by the Kowloon-Canton Railway for visitors to the Show on the 29th, 30th, 31st, 1st, 2nd and 3rd trains from Kowloon, and any train from Fanling after 1.00 p.m. on both days.

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FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

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The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

Message To Congress

Roosevelt To Call For United U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt's annual message at the opening of Congress to-morrow is expected to be devoted primarily to the need for stronger defences in view of world conditions. It is believed that he may also ask for great national unity and less partisanship in order that America may present a united front in world peace efforts.

Major Congress Battle

No startling innovations in legislation are expected, but a major battle looms over continuance of the Administration's reciprocal trade programme, which is due to expire on July 12, while few, if any, alterations are contemplated in the Neutrality Act, unless special legislation regarding Japan is sought.

ATHENIA HEROES

Awards For Brave Merchant Officers

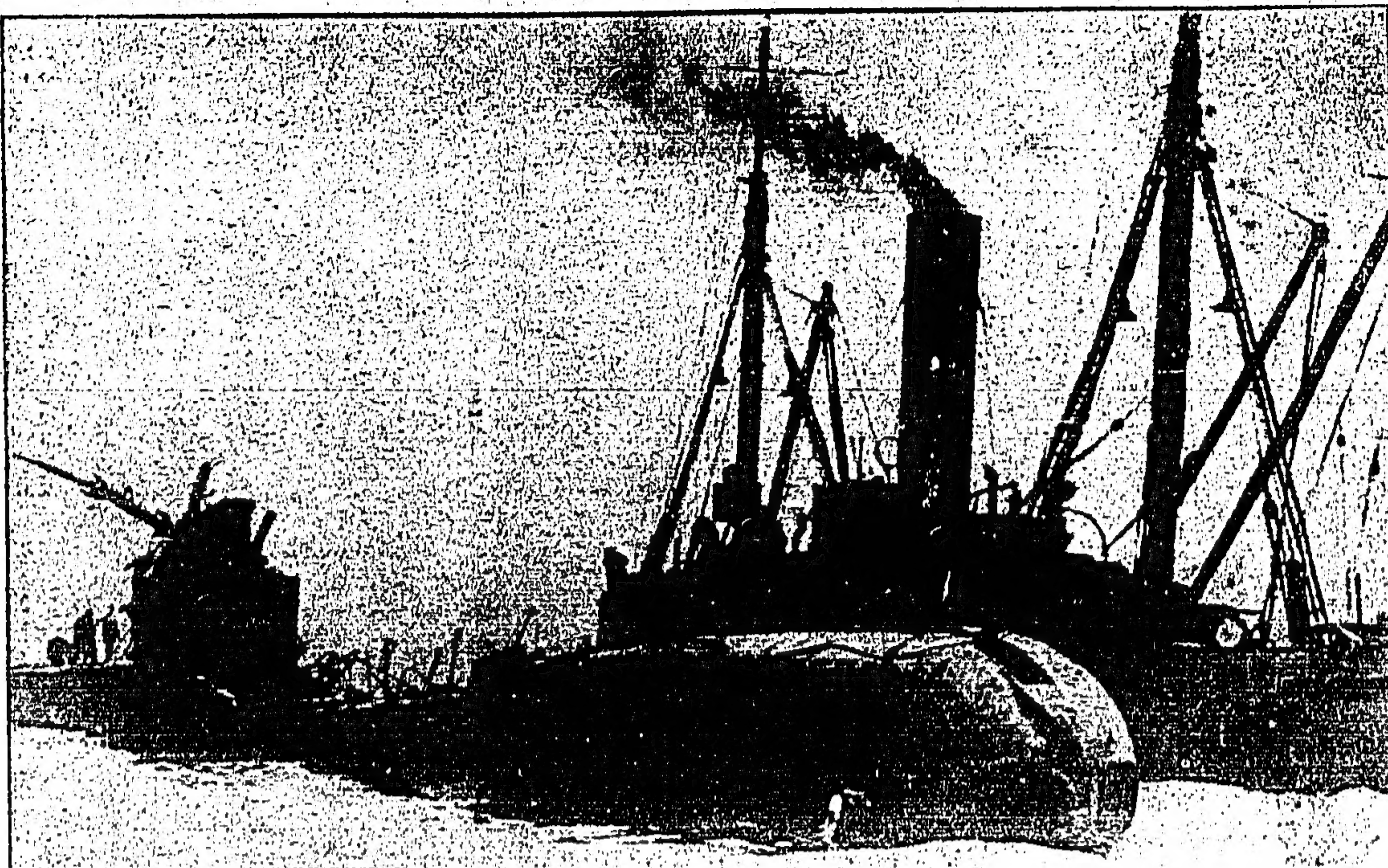
LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The Chief Officer of the Athenia, Barnett Mackenzie Copeland, is awarded the O.B.E. and Boat-swain William Harvey awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for their services when the liner was torpedoed by a submarine on September 4, 1939.

The official account states that Copeland was responsible for the landing and getting away of 23 boats of survivors, and the fact that this was done in darkness, without a hitch or loss, reflects great credit on his powers of organisation and command.

Return To Rescue Sick Woman. After being taken on board a Swedish ship, Copeland returned to the sinking liner to rescue an unconscious woman left in the sick bay.

Harvey showed outstanding coolness and efficiency, and accompanied Copeland in returning to the Athenia to save the woman in the sick bay. Trondheim picked up a crew of 20 from the Norwegian liner and landed her safely.—United Press.

THE TRAGEDY THAT MOVED THE WORLD—IN PEACETIME



The submarine Thetis—raised recently off Anglesey. She was later beached. She had been under water since the tragedy of June 1 except for a brief appearance soon after the disaster—when the falling tide uncovered part of her stern. The bow torpedo valves are visible in the picture above. Through one of these the water entered the Thetis.

Hitler Aims To Smash The British Empire

BERLIN—Germany, an inspired announcement said to-day, "must liberate Europe from the unbearable yoke of British rule of might."

This proclamation of an offensive rather than a defensive war aim was the Reich's reply to British-French failure to accept mediation offers.

The statement recalled a remark made by a high-ranking German official to newspapermen the week before Germany started its invasion of Poland.

"If England meddles in our affairs with Poland," this official said, "the price will be destruction of the British Empire." For several weeks no statement of German war aims had been made as specific as that now given foreign correspondents. All German evening papers printed the declaration.

Previously, the most said was by Adolf Hitler in his Munich speech Nov. 9 when he declared "our aim is the security of our people and our living space in which we will not have anybody else meddle."

The press was unanimous in declaring that British world dominion must be destroyed. Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung declared that England's "proclamation of our destruction as her war aim can, of course, be replied to only in kind."

The Belgian Attitude. A Belgian Foreign Office spokesman said that Germany's reply to the Belgian-Netherlands mediation offer was received as "ending this phase of negotiations." He indicated Belgium at present contemplated no new move for peace.

Meanwhile, authorized sources said any general mediation offer by President Roosevelt at this time would be "uninteresting" so far as Germany is concerned.

France's rejection of Austrian restitution into the issues at stake in the European conflict, conclusively declared, shows conclusively the Allies regard all peace talks as futile. However, should President Roosevelt ask both sides to disclose war aims to him with a view to finding some common basis for mediation, Germany would be most likely to respond, these sources intimated.

(The President has indicated no intention of taking either step—offering "general mediation" or asking the belligerents to outline their war aims to him.)

France, in its reply last Sunday to a Belgian-Netherlands offer of mediation, demanded as a precondition that Germany repair "injustices which have been imposed on Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland." Great Britain put it up to Germany to assure an end of "aggression."

Germany is seriously considering placing all shipments of lumber on the contraband list even if apparently destined for neutral ports, authorized sources said.

The reason for the lumber ban, these sources asserted, is Britain's attempt to prevent neutrals from shipping anything whatsoever to Germany regardless of whether it is contraband.

A campaign for tightening lumber regulations was started by the Voelkischer Beobachter, official central organ of the Nazi Party.

The Beobachter declared many lumber-carrying freighters formerly plying between England and the Northern States now are headed to neutral ports, some even claiming the United States as their destination although not equipped for trans-oceanic travel. Authorized sources said that the Beobachter editorial was not official but that the Government has evidence proving the newspaper's argument.

In elaborating on the High Command communiqué, ZMB, official news agency, said that for the first time in several weeks, the region around Weissenburg was a target for enemy attacks. The enemy was reported as being more active in the Saarbrücken and Palatinate Forest areas.

It is impossible to estimate the exact number of dead. Floods continue to devastate large areas in Brusa and Parus, south of Istanbul.

Months of desperate campaigning. However, this time the scheme is approved in all sections of British opinion.

Nicola May Salvage His Lost Magician "Prop"

SINGAPORE, Jan. 2 (UP).—Nicola, the well-known American magician, is consulting the Admiralty and salvage experts regarding the possibility of recovering some of his magician's equipment which he lost when the British liner Sirdhana sank in a minefield off Singapore harbour.

Apart from financial considerations (Nicola's effects were not insured against war risks), some of the equipment lost concerned illusions which were the result of several years' work and which cannot easily be reproduced.

Nicola also lost a gold wand which was presented to him by a conference of 400 magicians at Peoria, Illinois.

Nicola says he is not superstitious like most theatrical folk, but he is not a little worried by the unlucky significance of the number 13 after the following experience:

1. He had 13 in his company, 10 Americans and three Australians, were on the Sirdhana.
2. The accident happened on the 13th month of his tour.
3. The Sirdhana sailed on Nov. 13. She left the wharves at 9.13 a.m.
4. Thirteen people lost their lives. A Chinese woman was killed in Cabin 13.
5. When Nicola came ashore he found 13 cents in his pocket. On his way to his hotel he paid the money to a ricksha coolie in advance and the coolie cut his foot on a piece of glass on the way.

All Nicola would say about these coincidences was that he would take care not to sail for America on January 13 and will make sure that 13 divers don't take part in the salvage work.

FATHER DISOWNED DAUGHTER IN ERROR

A FATHER who threatened to disown his daughter because he was misled by a series of startling coincidences will receive a letter from her saying that her name has been publicly cleared in Birmingham police court.

The daughter, Miss Flora Bie, a nurse living at Calthorpe Street, W.C., told a reporter of her father's anger after he had connected her with a person mentioned in the "spy ring" menaces and libel charges at Birmingham.

"Apparently," Miss Bie said, "my father had read an account of the Mr. X case at Birmingham."

"In that case a witness, Mrs. Muffet, known as 'Treasure' (since found, gassed in a London flat), described meeting a certain Miss B. Miss B told 'Treasure' that she was a nurse, that her father was a master mariner, and that she had a brother also an officer in the merchant service."

Father's Mistake. "It so happens," Miss Bie explained, "that I am a State registered nurse."

"My father is captain of a merchant ship, and my brother is an officer in the merchant service."

"Furthermore, I worked at Cheltenham just over two years ago—and Cheltenham was mentioned in connection with 'Treasure'."

"My father arrived in England recently, read an account of the case and the reference to Miss B. and immediately assumed that I was the Miss B referred to."

"He wrote to my mother saying that I must be disowned, and not allowed to return home. He said he wished to have nothing more to do with me."

"My mother was astonished, to say the least. She wrote to me and I wrote to the police."

"On their suggestion I wrote one Monday night to Mr. M. P. Pugh, the prosecuting counsel in the Mr. X case at Birmingham, asking him to help me."

"I have also written to my father explaining that he is wrong, now I am awaiting his forgiveness."

Miss Bie's letter to Mr. Pugh was read by him in court at Birmingham.

Mr. Pugh said he desired to make it perfectly clear that Miss Bie had nothing whatever to do with the case, and he was writing to her father to inform him of this.

Miss Bie's parents are Scottish, but they now live near Cardiff, and she is in a few days going to take up a post at a nursing home in South Wales, not far from her home.

DICTATORS EXCHANGE GREETINGS

(Continued from Page 1.)

pressed to me for Fascist Italy, namely, that our united peoples may succeed in gaining their aims and securing their future."

Hitler also exchanged greetings with the King and Crown Prince of Italy, the Kings of Bulgaria, Rumania, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, the Regent of Yugoslavia and Hungary, General Franco, the Shah of Iran, the King of Afghanistan and with the Yemen of Siam, Slovakia, the Czech state and ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

POST OFFICE

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New Licences will be available at the Government Radio Office, G.P.O. Building, First Floor, on ordinary business days, and will be issued against the receipt of a remittance of \$12.00, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. except on Saturdays when licences will be issued between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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In the case of renewal the old licence should be returned with the application.

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OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Regular and Parcel Mails are issued 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 1 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m. Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date 27th Dec. Jan. 3.
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Java and Manila Jan. 3.
Shanghai Jan. 3.
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Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date 16th Dec.) Jan. 4.

Japan and Shanghai Jan. 4.

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Canton Jan. 5.

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Shanghai Jan. 6.

Straits and Saigon Jan. 6.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 15th Dec. 1939) Jan. 6.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date 30th Dec. Jan. 7.

Europe via Suez and Straits (London Date 18th November) Jan. 7.

Haiphong Jan. 7.

Saigon Jan. 7.

Japan Jan. 7.

Shanghai Jan. 7.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 26th Dec. Jan. 9.

Straits Jan. 9.

Java and Manila Jan. 10.

Manila Jan. 10.

Tientsin Jan. 10.

OUTWARD MAILS

Wednesday, Jan. 3

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Suez—London—10th February.

London, G.P.O. & K.P.O.

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Haiphong Jan. 3, 3 p.m.

Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 11th January. K.P.O.

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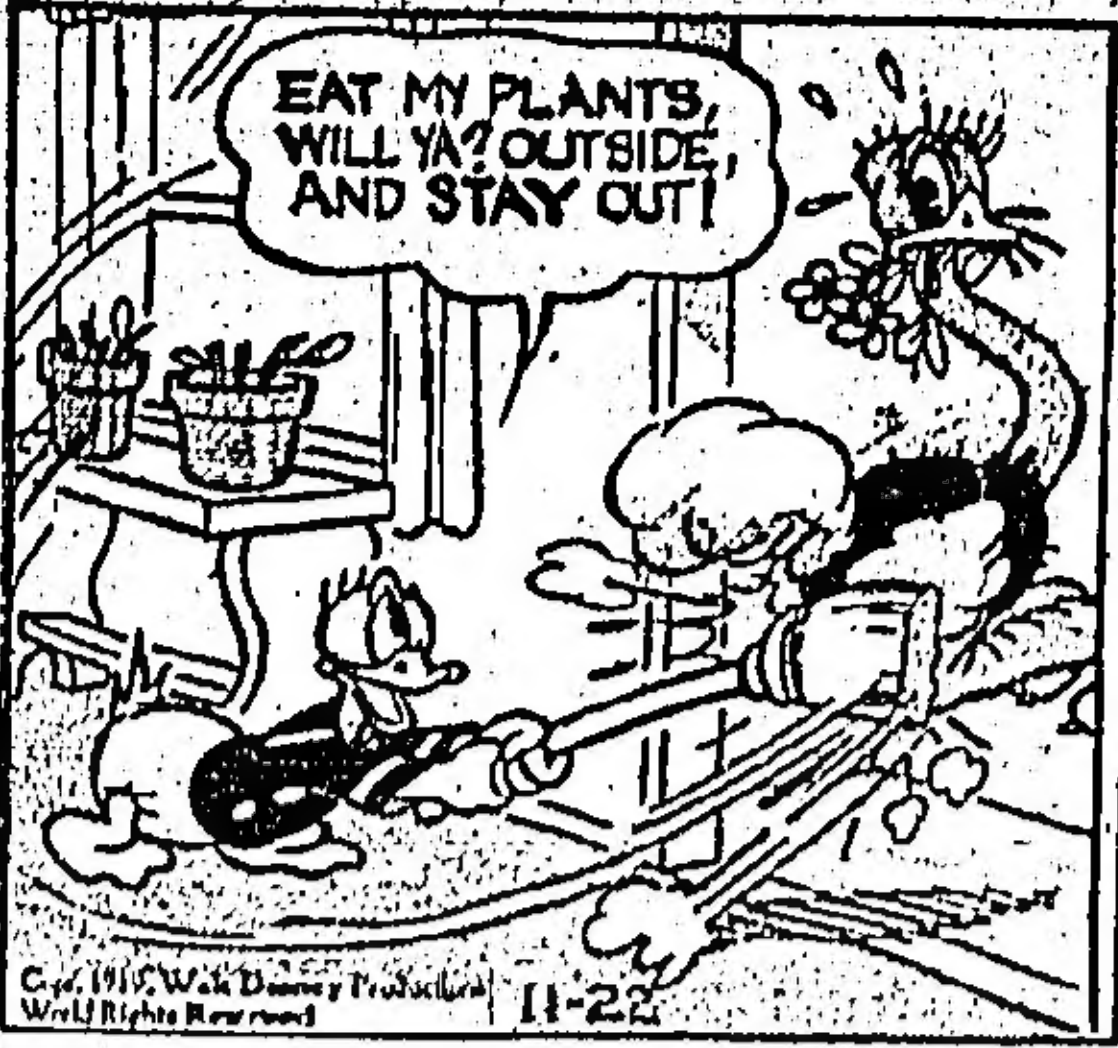
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1.45 Variety with Charlie Kunz,
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tations.

7.00 London Relay—Musical Comed-
y in Miniature. Cliffs of Music.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.33 Variety Programme with
Oliver Wakefield, George Formby,
Gracie Fields, Ella Akerston, Some
of These Days, Moanin' Low, Sophie
Tucker, Panchito Tuesday Through-
out the Empire (A far-flung Relay),
Max Kester and John de Grey,
Treadle, Harry Robbins with The
Four Bright Sparks, Crazy Commu-
nists (Relay), Eddie Akerston, George
Formby Medley, Outside An Old
Hawaiian Waters, Reginald Foort,
The Voice of Inexperience, Oliver
Wakefield, The Vision of Fuji-San,
Reginald Foort, My Young Man's
Ever Nice, Dennis, The Menace
from Venice, Eddie Akerston, George
Formby Medley, Outside An Old
Stage Door, Old Father Thames,
Gracie Fields, The Legionnaires,
Sally The Circus Queen, Warner and
Darnell, I'm Getting Sentimental
Over You, Falling in Love With You,
Andy Lou and His Islanders.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent
Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Sum-
mary.

9.30 Folk Music—Mutual Love,
The Cornish Folk Dance Band
conducted by Ronald Munro.
La Volia, Ayre Tower Hill, O You're
Protty (English Jig), Butter'd Please
(English Folk Song), Nancy Wants
Her Own Share (Irish Folk Tune),
The Piper's Guild Quartet, The
Berkshire Trio, English County
Song, O Sad Ending, Oliver Crom-
well (English County Song), Our Bill
(Vocal), Scandinavian Dances, Folk
Dance Orchestra.

9.45 Three Brahms Songs by
Klara Gerhard (Mezzo-Soprano),
Nachtigall, Ständchen, Feldstein-
kelt.

9.53 Brahms, Variations on a
Theme by Paganini, Op. 35, Egon
Petri (Piano).

10.15 Sibelius, Symphony No. 2 in
D Major, Op. 43, Serge Koussevitzky
and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

1.00 Close Down.

Convoy Strategists Try To Elude Raiders And Submarines HOW THE CONVOYS BEAT THE NAZI

This war, opened with a field day
for the German submarines. They
were at sea prepared for action upon
the declaration of war and by the
middle of this week had sunk about
40,000 tons of Allied and neutral
shipping. But even this consider-
able amount of tonnage was well
below the average weekly harvest
reaped by the U-boats in the early
part of 1917 when unrestricted sink-
ings of ships was being carried on.

The British immediately began
planning the convoy system in op-
eration and this precaution, together
with other anti-submarine measures
seems to be obtaining the desired
result, if reports concerning the de-
creased number of submarine suc-
cesses can be relied on.

Convoys of merchant ships is not a
modern concept. The Romans con-
veyed their grain ships, Venice, in
the heyday of its mercantile power,
conveyed its ships; Spain's convoys
to and from America are historical;
and Britain safeguarded its merchant
ships by this means in the time of
Napoleon and during its troubles with
the United States.

However, conveying in other days
was an entirely different proposition
from to-day's method of handling the
problem. Before the danger of
sudden attack by submarines com-
plicated matters, a convoy was a loose
aggregation of ships that were ac-
companied by one or more men-of-war
to guard it against raiders, and
usually it was only necessary for a
ship to remain in sight of an escorting
vessel in order to be safe. Some-
times, however, a daring privateer,
favoured by weather, would be able
to cut out a prize from under the
very nose of an escort.

To-day's convoy must proceed in
a close and regular formation so that
it can manoeuvre and be screened by
the escorts. The closer the forma-
tion, the less the target presented for
submarine attack and the fewer the
number escorts required.

Broad Front for Convoys
The quietness of conveying is
to prevent a submarine from attain-
ing a position from which it can
successfully launch its torpedoes
against, selected targets. The most
advantageous position for such an
attack is somewhere fairly close on
the bow of an oncoming ship, and the
chances of making a hit rapidly de-
crease as the submarine draws
further off to the side. A formation has
a broad front and a position.

For this reason, the convoy shallow
depth. For instance, all the ships in
a convoy of up to seven vessels would
probably steam in a line abreast of
each other. Larger convoys would
be in a line of columns of ships, with
rarely more than four or five ships in
a column. If they are handy, well-
drilled ships, accustomed to steaming
in convoy, the assigned distance be-
tween ships in a column might be
as little as 500 yards, with 800 yards
between columns. With less hand-
ily, poorly drilled ships, these distances
would have to be increased to 1,000
and 1,200 yards respectively.

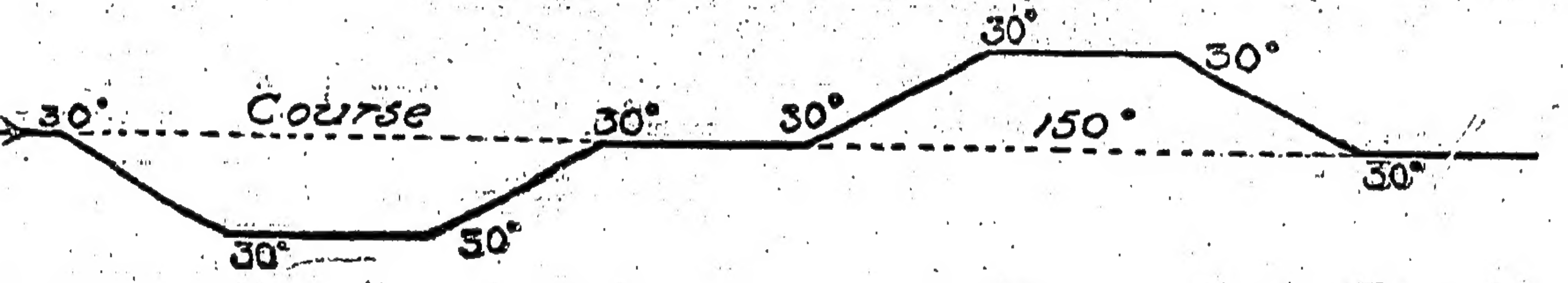
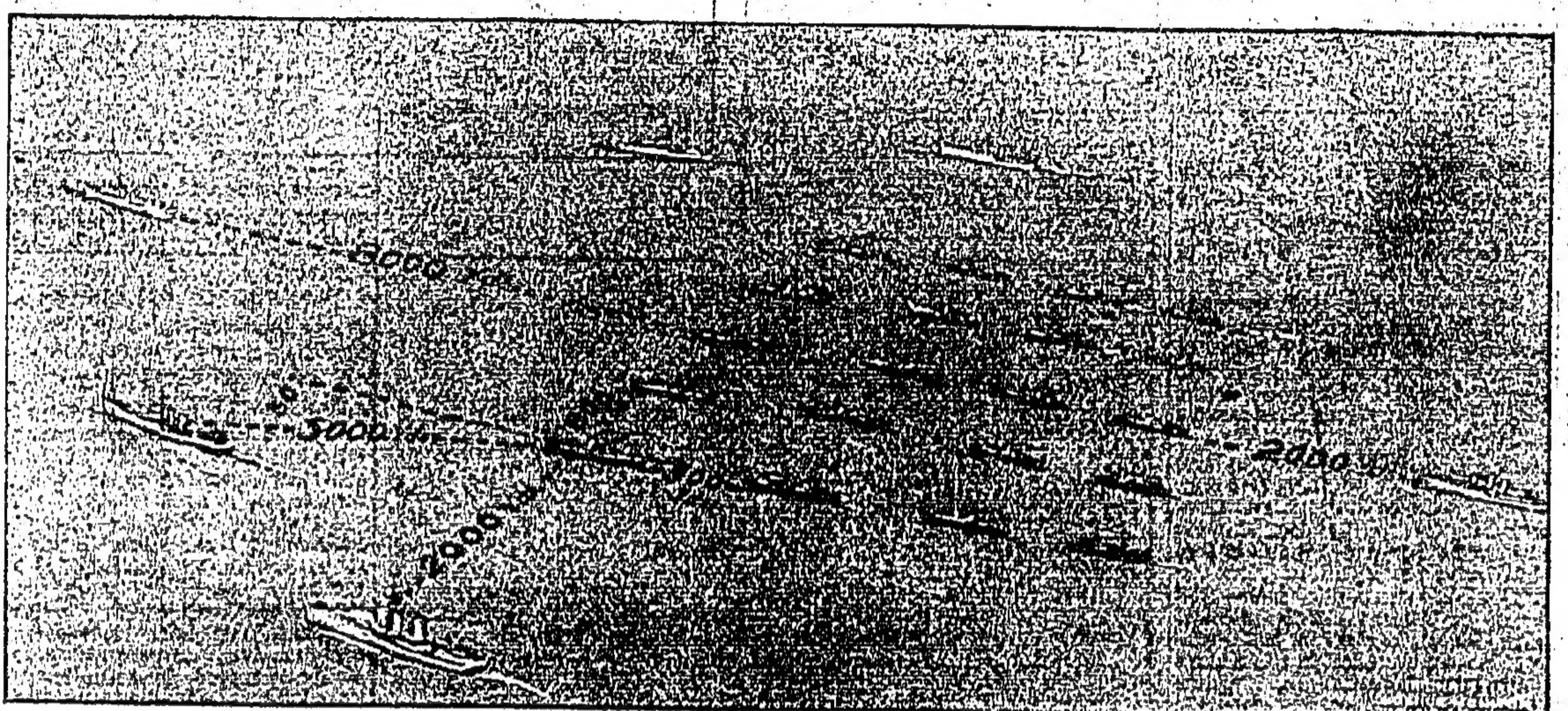
The positions taken by the escort-
ing ships depends entirely upon the
number made available for duty and
any special conditions that may exist.
In general, they operate ahead of the
convoy and on the bow and beam of
the outboard columns. When possible,
one of them trails the convoy to pre-
vent a submarine following it and to
assist any vessel that may straggle.

Merchant captains, accustomed
with convoy duty, do not take kindly
to it. They have always been accus-
tomed to steering steady courses
along the routes to their destinations,
and their natural inclination is to
give all other vessels wide berth at
sea.

Nor is the merchant ship
furnished with equipment such as
the man-of-war has for signalling
small changes of speed to the engine
room, facilities for quickly determin-
ing the revolutions of the engines,
and means for measuring distances.
However, it does not take merchant
captains long to learn the ropes and
convoys soon manage to manoeuvre,
zigzag, and get along at night with-
out lights.

The zigzag is not a wild, rambling
dash at will over the ocean, but on
the contrary, is a carefully worked
out, orderly method of altering the
course by a definite amount at
specified times. It is not a difficult
procedure for a single ship, but with
20 to 30 ships of indifferent
manoeuvring qualities and varying
turning circles, steaming in close
formation, the proposition is an en-
tirely different one.

Zigzagging Carefully Planned
A bad feature of even the best de-
signed zigzag is that the distance
made good along the base course, is
never more than 70 per cent of the
distance steamed.



The purpose of the zigzag is to
confuse a lurking submarine and pre-
vent it reaching a firing position.
There is, of course, the possibility
that one of the changes of the ship's
course will throw a waiting subma-
rine into the desired position, but
the advantages of the zigzag far out-
weigh this possibility.

Perhaps all the ships draw away
rapidly. There may be an oppor-
tunity for a shot on the fly, but
usually the chance has gone and there
is nothing the submarines can do
except to submarine and try to get
away, because if it has been seen,
a barrage of depth bombs will surely
follow.

Zigzags are only used when in
dangerous waters or when the
presence of a submarine is suspected,
and they are not used at night unless
there is sufficient moonlight to make
ships visible at a distance.

A submarine cannot sight an
approaching ship many miles away,
but can itself be seen from a dis-
tance of only three or four miles.
Once a ship is sighted and its ap-
proximate course is determined, the
submarine proceeds toward the po-
sition where it can use its weapons.

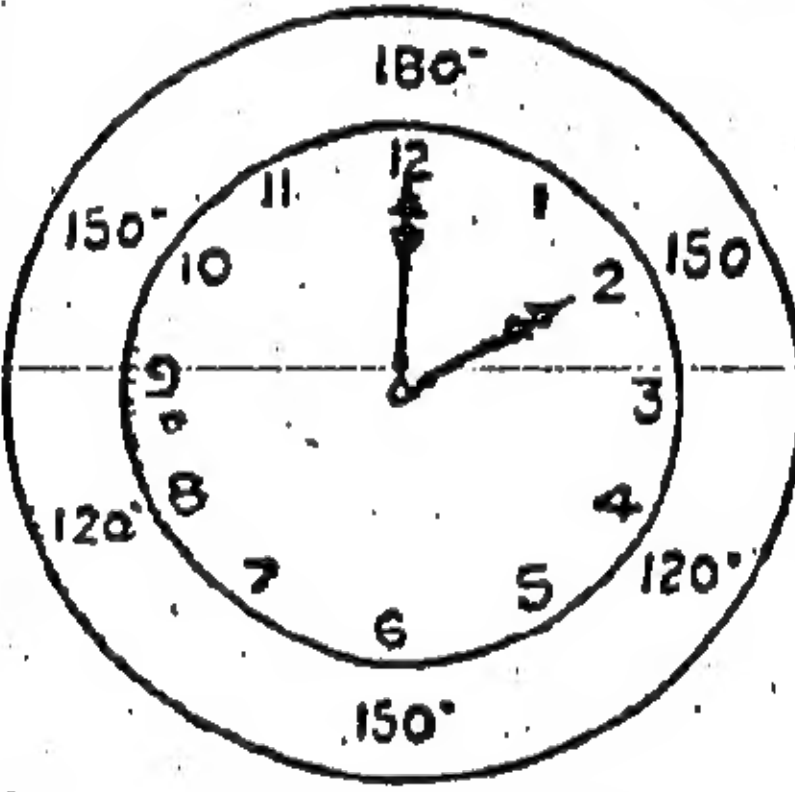
Speed Must Be Gauged

If the ship maintains a steady
course, further observations by the
submarine permit it accurately to de-
termine what its course and speed
would be to attain the desired po-
sition. But if the ship suddenly
changes its course, all the submarine's
calculations are nullified, and usually
it is unable to begin a new approach
without coming to the surface and
using full speed. With armed escorts
present, this procedure is impossible
and the convoy goes on its way in
safety.

The escorting vessel or vessels in
the van of a convoy make it im-
possible for a submarine which hap-
pens to be in a favourable po-
sition, to get more than occasional
glimpses of its targets through the
periscope.

An accurate shot with a torpedo,
unless fired within 300 yards, requires
that the course and speed of the target
and the angle between the courses of
the firing ship and the target, to be
closely approximated. Even should
a submarine have been so fortunate
as to have obtained these data, it
usually tries for a final check, and
finds the entire convoy is off on an-
other course.

For the same reason, a radical
change of course is made just be-
fore dark, and the base course is
not resumed until it will pass a con-
siderable distance to one side of the
prolongation of the original course.
The same kind of change is made im-
mediately preceding daylight, to elude
a submarine which may have passed
ahead during the night to assume a
favourable position at dawn.



Planning The World Of To-Morrow

MR. W. ARNOLD-FORSTER,
the writer and lecturer, told the
Manchester Reform Club recently
that, when peace terms came to
be discussed, the case of
France would have to be under-
stood as well as that of Ger-
many.

Mr. Arnold-Foster said he hoped
Britain would support the restoration
of a genuine Poland—confined to
genuinely Polish people, not in-
cluding White Russian, Ukrainians or
Germans; a Poland with free access
to the sea.

Russia, he said, had reverted to
brutal, power policy, because she had
been denied British and French collab-
oration in preserving collective
peace; but, if we showed faith, we
might win Russia back to a loyal
part in the community of nations.

For the races which had been
Czechoslovakia, we would want
freedom, no dictatorship of the
Gestapo. Similarly, Sudeten Ger-
mans should be free to attach them-
selves to their own society. These
States must have something like a
federal association with their neigh-
bours.

There could be no round-table
negotiation which sided out the Poles,
the Czechs or the United States. All
nations which could bring to that
table, for the planning of the world
of to-morrow, impartial judgment
had a right to be there—to shape, not
the terms of armistices, but the
foundations of world peace.

We must make distinction between
terms of armistices—those things
which we insisted upon—and the
free conditions of discussion of those
things we hoped to secure by equality
of negotiation. The two points had
been muddled.

Above: A standard "close convoy" is shown in perspective. Destroyers do not necessarily maintain a straight course but zigzag and cover considerable area to keep the water clear of submarines.

Below: During the World War a favourite device for follow-
ing zigzag course was to mark the various courses on a cardboard
disk fitted to the face of a clock, so they coincided with the times
when they were to be made. When the minute hand reached the
now course, the wheel went over to put the change into effect. All
changes are made on time alone and no signals are required other
than the initial order placing a zigzag in effect. The "clock" shows
the variations for the zigzag shown in the centre, assuming that
the initial course is 150 degrees.

Germans Dare Not Stop Russians who Whisper

AMSTERDAM—Germans crossing the frontier into
Holland to-day say that the Nazis are growing more and
more anxious about the way the German Communists are
coming out in the open.

Under the shelter of the arm of
Stalin Communists are making whis-
pering propaganda.
Even soldiers in barracks are
stated to talk openly of Communist
ideas. Several reports have been
sent from garrison commanders,
particularly in the Czechoslovak
areas, complaining of the growth of
this feeling.

The Nazis are somewhat bewil-
dered because no one, even those
high up in the Nazi Party, knows
just now what the official attitude
towards Communism is. They fear
that if they come down hard on the
talkers they may be punished them-
selves for lacking in attitude too un-
friendly towards Russia.

The Communists are adopting the
policy of praising Russia while say-
ing little actually of Communism.
They praise the Russian pact warmly,
point out that the Soviet is the one
power which is standing by the Ger-
mans, argue that Germany is after
all, almost Socialist.

GERMANS IN TYROL

London, Jan. 2.
The last batch of the Germans
living in Tyrol left by midnight on
December 31 and were met at the
frontier by Gestapo agents, who
accompanied them to Austria, according
to the Rome correspondent of the
Daily Express.

Over 50,000 preferred to become
Italian citizens, while 10,000 elected
to return to Germany under Nazi
promises that they will be provided
for.—Reuter Special.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 3, 1890.
Nobody would think to go through
Shanghai village; what a host of
pirates it is.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 3, 1915.
His Holiness the Pope has telegraphed
to the Kaiser, appealing to his feelings
of Christian charity to terminate a dis-
astrous year and begin the new year
with an act of imperial generosity by
accepting the proposal for an exchange
of prisoners, who are unfit for military
service, between the belligerents. The
Kaiser, replying, assured the Pope that
the proposal finds his full sympathy.
He says:—The feelings of Christian
charity which inspired this proposal cor-
respond thoroughly with my own con-
viction and desires.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 3, 1930.
M. Bart, a French aviator experiment-
ing with speed machines, today covered
the 215 miles from Croix-en-Artois to
La Bourget Field in 28 minutes. He
was flying a Golden Ray plane, and
averaged approximately 160 miles an
hour. This is a record.

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 3, 1935.
The trial of the kidnapping and murder
of the infant son of Colonel and
Mrs. Charles Lindbergh, opened to-day.

NAVAL WEDDING

Looking extremely attractive in a
pretty dark dress with hat to match,
Miss Elizabeth Mary Kathleen Weeks,
of Shanghai, entered St. John's
Cathedral yesterday evening to be
married to Surg. Lt. Joseph Francis
Meynell, R.N.

Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell gave the
bride away and the best man was
Surg. Lt. W. Forrest. Following the
wedding many friends of the bride
and groom attended a reception held
on the groom's ship.
Surg. Lt. Meynell is the son of the
late Dr. Meynell and Mrs. Meynell
of Manchester, England, and the
bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Reed of Shanghai.
Rev. W. H. S. Chapman officiated.

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JAPANESE WARNED

New China Regime Will
Not End The War

Tokyo, Jan. 2.
Declaring the prospects of a settle-
ment of the China Affair are still
remote, the War Minister, General
Shunroku Hata, in his New Year
message calls upon the people to
effect close co-operation in the at-
tainment of the objective of the
sacred campaign aimed at the estab-
lishment of a new order in East Asia.
"A complete settlement of the
China Affair is not an easy task. A
new Central Government will come
into existence in China shortly, but
it will not signify an early termina-
tion of the current emergency."

War Minister Hata warns the
people against any feeling of relaxa-
tion, which will affect the combined
power and strength of the nation.

"The situation in Europe and other
parts of the world is becoming in-
creasingly complicated and it is
necessary for the Japanese nation to
make all possible preparations for
meeting the prospective developments
of the world situation on the one
hand and fulfil its duty as a member
of the League of Nations on the other
in the face of all threatened
contingencies."—Donel.

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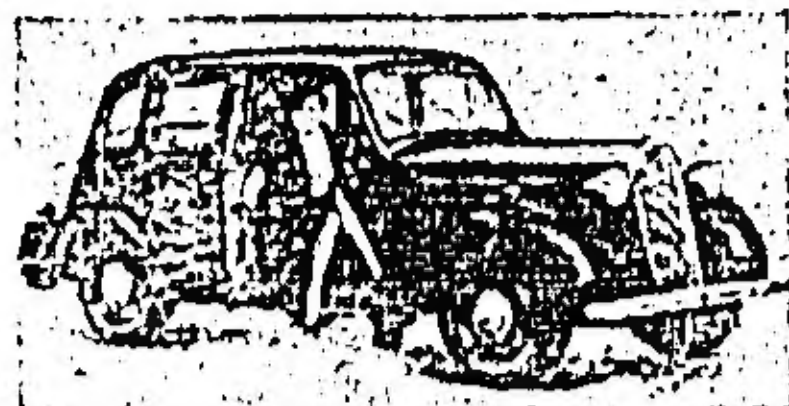
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. and Mrs. Sun Fo wish to
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eldest son, Tse-ping, to Miss S.
L. Jay of Honolulu, in California,
U.S.A., on Christmas Day, 1939.
Outport newspapers please copy.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

Wednesday, January 3, 1940.
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Telephone: 20015

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Paying For War

During the past two years Ger-
many has put so large a proportion
of its national income into war pro-
duction that it was able to start
hostilities with the maximum of
mechanised force. It appears that
Germany has left little margin for
increasing this production without
depriving the nation of the bare
necessities of life. The time has
come when Britain, too, is swinging
over from a high peace production
to full war production, and its
inherent strength is now manifest-
ing itself.

Britain has large capital resources
and sound currency, and its
external trade, unlike Germany's,
will continue in all parts of the
world. Britain, like Germany, has
to face costs of production which
for most kinds of armaments are
far greater than in the World War.
Some of the modern types of air-
plane cost ten times as much as was
needed to produce a similar type in
1918. It takes twice as much to
equip modern divisions of the army
as to equip the less highly mechanised
divisions in the last war. For the colossal
expenditure now required Britain must be
prepared to use its great resources till it,
too, reaches a maximum of production.
So far as factories and man-power
are available, there is no estimable
limit to the expenditures which
Britain will incur.

This does not mean that Britain
has a bottomless purse. The
nation cannot devote an ever-
increasing part of its energy and
its money to war production
without decreasing the proportion
devoted to other purposes. That
is to say, the nation must pay for
the war. It must sacrifice other
things to feed the war monster.
Its citizens must spend less on
their daily living in order that the
machine may consume more.
Parliament and people recognised
this when Sir John Simon, Chan-
cellor of the Exchequer, went to
the House of Commons with tax-
ation demands the like of which
had never before been con-
templated.

By accepting this sacrifice, the
British agreed to reduce the bur-
den of debt on posterity, and in
so doing to avoid the risk of
present inflation and mounting
prices. It was a bold thing to do
to put so heavy a burden on an
already burdened people. But in
modern warfare the sacrifice must
be universal. This fact as well as
increased costs is sure to engender
some support for peace—whenever
a sound and just peace can be
made.



THE BORE

Hitler: "And I meant him to stay only a little while!"

Men Behind the Siegfried Line

Pen pictures of Hitler's military leaders on the
Western Front, now the main war theatre and
liable any day to blaze up into violent activity

BY WILLI FRISCHAUER

NOMINAL leader of the
German Army in the
West is the shyest of all
the German generals—
WILHELM VON KETTEL, sub-
ordinate only to Hitler, who
has himself assumed supreme
command.
Kettel's recent career is more
suggestive of a military clerk than
a soldier or strategist.
He has worked in the German
War Ministry for many years and
is now 57. During the war of 1914-
18, he commanded an artillery
regiment for a short time, but
afterwards he was a staff officer.
He was given his supreme
position following the army purge
in February, 1938. Hitler then dis-
missed every Reichswehr general
who held ideas of his own. Kettel
was not among them.

★ REAL position of Com-
mander-in-Chief is held
by a Prussian officer—
WALTER VON BRAUCHITSCH.
Recent events have proved
Brauchitsch to be one of the
Reichswehr generals of the Luden-
dorff type. He holds strong political

views and is extremely nationalist,
but not necessarily a hundred per
cent Nazi. Like Ludendorff, he has
achieved success in the East and
turns now with increased ambitions
to the West.

Brauchitsch is assisted by the
least significant of all German
generals—Artillery—General
FRANZ HALDER, his deputy.
The official Nazi biography about
Halder has nothing better to say
of him than that he "expressed
the Reichswehr's respects to
Ludendorff on his seventieth birth-
day."

The others are the men who
really conduct the war. One of
them, General VON RUND-
STEDT, is 63, and is Hitler's
specialist for occupations.
As military commander of Ber-

lin he was for a short time military
dictator of Prussia. His activity
was then chiefly directed against
Nazis and Communists.

Since then he has made it up
with Hitler. He marched into
the Sudetenland at the head of the
German troops last year, and led
the advanced guard of the German
troops against Poland.

He is bald-headed, thin-lipped,
energetic, ruthless and harsh.
It is predicted that General
WALTER VON REICHENAU will
lead the spearhead of the German
attack in the West.

Reichenau is perhaps the only
full-fledged Nazi among the Ger-
man generals. An artillery officer
and a sportsman, he was in com-
mand of the Munich and Leipzig
garrisons under Hitler. He

would have been Hitler's choice as
C-in-C, had not the army ex-
pressed resentment at the possi-
bility of a party man assuming
command.

Another German general ex-
pected to play a big part in the
West is GUENTER VON KLUGE,
communications expert of the Ger-
man Reichswehr.

Wounded in the Battle of
Verdun, he has a family tradition
of experience in war against
France. His father was Kluck's
chief assistant in the last war.

Guenter von Kluge has devoted
his life to the study of anti-
French strategy. Hitler recognised
his ambition, and allowed him to
lead the German troops which
occupied the Rhineland. Now
Kluge wants to march into France!

★ FOUR other generals
will be found on the
Western Front. One is
VON BOCK, formerly attached to
the German Crown Prince's staff.
He was highly decorated, and was
given important commands after
the last war. He led the German
troops into Austria in March, 1938.

Another is General VON
BLASKOWITZ, "invader" of
Czechoslovakia. Blaskowitz, how-
ever, is a devoted defender of the
Reichswehr traditions.

General LIST commands the
German troops along the Swiss
frontier. He is a Bavarian and a
Nazi, but his military record is in-
significant. Five years ago nobody
had ever heard of him, even in
Germany. Now he is one of Hitler's
favourites.

Finally we come to GEORG VON
KUECHLER, who is rather a mili-
tary professor than a strategist. He
is responsible for the training of
the troops, and only Hitler's lack of
generals loyal to his regime has in-
duced him to give Kuechler a com-
mand.

He is 58, a man of little person-
ality.

★ THE German air force in
the West is led by the
Flight-Generals LOEBE,
KESSELING and JESCHONEK.
Loehr is an Austrian, one of the
country to Hitler. Kesselring is a
Bavarian, and close personal friend
of his chief, Goering.

Jeschonek is only forty, and his
chief qualification for the big job
is his ardent Nazi faith and his
personal bravery as a flyer.

Soviet Open First Cocktail Hall

MOSCOW, Dec. 4.
The Soviet authorities formally
opened their first so-called "cocktail
hall" last night. Thirty varieties
were tasted by official guests in the
State-operated bar in a street named
after Maxim Gorki. The Soviet
Press claims that the bar is decorated
in the highest possible taste.
Soviet alcohol on general sale to
the public is usually less than a year
old. It is therefore apt to be shat-
tering, especially when mixed even
in less than 50 varieties.

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CLIPPED WINGS

by John Heygate

FOR the first few weeks the two young
evaganes—clung to their mother's
skirts. The country was strange and
cold to them.

They missed the life of the streets, and
the life of the farm was a very poor sub-
stitute. Besides, there was no ice-cream
man!

They seriously thought of running away
to London.

In the third week they showed a little
more interest. They still looked down on
the plodding drudgeries of the farmer and
wondered how he could possibly go on
doing such dull tasks. But they con-
descended to ask questions.

Ernie, the boy, the older, asked: "What
do you call those, mister?"

"Ducks," said the farmer laconically.

"Why's one got colours on his back and
the other's plain brown?" asked Ernie's
sister, being shut up instantly by her
brother who remembered having seen a
pair of them in a London park.

"Why don't they fly away, Mr. Farmer?" he asked
instead.

"Because their wings is clipped," said the
farmer, and moved away, followed by the
two children, now showing decided signs of
interest.

Next day the children were up early,
watching the farmer feed his two ducks.

"Don't they get tired of swimming round
the same bit of water all day?" asked Ernie.

"It ain't a 'bit of water' to them,"
replied the farmer. "And why should
they? One place is as good as another



when it's your home." Which was too
much for Ernie and his sister, who retired,
baffled.

But in the evening they were back in
time for feeding. It was the girl's turn.

"What happens when their wings grow?
Don't they fly away, Mr. Farmer?"

"Maybe they do. But they don't go far.
And they comes back."

"Why?"

The farmer looked at the two children.
He scratched his head. "I dunno," he said.

"But I reckon if you were to get your meals
three times a day regular in the same
place—good sound country grub; none of
your ice-creams and stuff—I reckon you
wouldn't fly far neither!"

There's no need to clip those children's
wings any more. They've already taken
over the duck-feeding, and that farm to
them is beginning to seem as large a home
as the pond to the ducks!

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Harbour Closed For A While

Following an alarm by off-shore patrol, Hongkong harbour was closed yesterday to shipping. A communique from the Department of Information stated:

"The Naval authorities state that the port of Hongkong was closed this morning as part of the necessary defence precautions of the Colony in time of war. This step was taken as the result of an alarm being given by the off-shore patrol. The cause of this alarm is being investigated by the Navy."

When news of the closure spread round the city, many rumours began circulating, some stating that enemy warships had been seen in the vicinity. It is understood that these rumours have no basis.

The closure did not affect ocean-going shipping to a great extent as the harbour was singularly quiet, only one overseas liner being at Howloon.

CUSTOMS OFFICIAL

Captain Carroll Of Shanghai Passes Away

Shanghai, Jan. 2. The death occurred at 8 o'clock this morning of Captain L. R. Carroll, aged 55.

Captain Carroll was a Chinese Customs Coastal Inspector. Chinese officials lowered the reformed regime's five-barred flag at half mast over the Customs House honouring Captain Carroll. The Japanese Director issued an order that the flag be raised to full mast again on the ground that Carroll was not entitled to the half-mast honour. However, before the flag was again raised the Japanese issued new orders to leave it at half-mast.—United Press.

Japan's Purchases

New York, Jan. 2. Citing the Department of Commerce statistics, the American Committee of Non-Participation in Japanese Aggression says that Japanese purchases of United States scrap iron in the first 11 months of 1939 were 1,890,742 tons, compared with a total in 1937, a peak year, of 1,801,000 tons.

Accelerated buying since the European war started averaged 202,000 tons monthly since September 1.—United Press.

Consul Returns

Shanghai, Jan. 2. Mr. Clarence E. Gauss, American Consul-General, on his return from Manila yesterday, said there was nothing significant attached to his recent stay in Manila. The meeting with Francisco B. Sayre were only coincidental and no special conversations took place.—United Press.

America Praised

Dr. Wang Chung-hua, Foreign Minister, in a special New Year broadcast to America this morning, said January, in which the Japanese-American trade treaty expires, is particularly significant to China. He praised the United States initiative in abrogating the pact which was undoubtedly a step in the right direction.

Because of the traditional love of the American people for peace, the United States convened the Washington Conference in 1922. American statesmen, realising the importance of the Pacific, advocated the open door policy in China which was then threatened.

Dr. Wang praised Mr. Roosevelt's speech in October 1937, when he referred to the "present reign of terror and international lawlessness which began a few years ago through acquisition of alien territory in violation of treaties." He also complimented Mr. Joseph Grew on his speech in Tokyo.

In conclusion Dr. Wang reviewed China's war time achievements. "Your material and moral strength has exerted, and I am sure it will continue to exert, an important influence in shaping the destiny of the Far East," he said.—United Press.

Australian Volunteers

Melbourne, Jan. 2. "Three thousand more Australian volunteers will go abroad this year," said Mr. Fairbairn, Air Minister, in an interview on his return from attending the Empire air training conference in Canada.

The members of the Australian Air Force abroad would be grouped into squadrons with Australian commanders. Members of the R.A.F. would go to Australia for exchange duty.

Mr. Fairbairn appealed to young Australians to enlist and not be disheartened if they are not called up immediately.

Mr. Fairbairn added, "There is an awful lot of time talked about Germany cracking up. She won't until we exert full pressure."—Reuter.

FINNS CLAIM FURTHER SUCCESSES IN THE NEW YEAR

The Finns continue their successful resistance to Soviet aggression and latest reports claim that Petsamo has been recaptured, although the Reds still hold positions to the south of the town. The Russians have been repulsed in their attacks on the Mannerheim Line notwithstanding a series of violent attacks by numerous reinforcements from Siberia and Caucasus.

Helsinki, Jan. 2.

Following the rout of Soviet troops in Finland's "waist," the Finns now claim to have repulsed the Russian attacks on the Mannerheim Line.

A communique says the Russians, strengthened by numerous reinforcements from Siberia and the Caucasus, launched a series of violent attacks along the 40 mile front between Lake Ladoga and the Leningrad-Viborg railway, but all the attacks, which were preceded by a heavy artillery barrage, were repulsed.—Reuter.

Soviet Prisoners

Paris, Jan. 2. The Soviet commissars taken prisoners by the Finns are proving most difficult. Some have been shot for attempting to hide arms and continue their work of agitation, according to a Havas correspondent after a visit to the front north of Lake Ladoga.—Reuter.

Russians Encircled

Copenhagen, Jan. 2. Press reports say 10,000 Russian troops have been cut off by the Finns on the Salla front in a battle which may equal in importance the New Year's Day Suomussalmi front victory. It is stated the Finns are tightening their encirclement and preventing the Russians from flight by shooting small detachments making efforts to escape to Russian territory.—United Press.

New Year Activity

Viborg, Jan. 2. Heavy batteries of Finnish artillery heralded the New Year on the Karelian Isthmus with 24 salvos. These brought a furious response from Russian guns, which blazed away for nine hours, firing 40 or 50 shells a minute. They did negligible damage.

The eight-inch Russian guns fired three shells into Viborg but only wrecked a football pitch.—Reuter.

Soviet Mass Attacks

Helsinki, Jan. 2. The fierce Russian attacks yesterday on the Mannerheim Line are expected to develop to-day and rise in intensity.

Artillery preparations of more than ordinary violence has been pounding the Finnish positions for 30 hours. The Russians tried to rush the defences with masses of men and material at several vital spots.

The reorganised Russian army under General Stern is believed to number at least 200,000 men in this sector. It is reported that a further 50,000 are expected from Leningrad. The Finns are supposed to have one-third of their total army of 300,000 in the Isthmus.

Behind the Mannerheim Line the Finns are understood to be hastily completing two subsidiary defence systems designed to prevent the enemy breaking through.—Reuter.

Frozen Russians Found

Copenhagen, Jan. 2. Reindeer hunters at Enari on the northern Finnish side are reported to have found great numbers of Russian soldiers frozen to death on the Finnish side of the frontier.—United Press.

Report Persists

Stockholm, Jan. 2. Stockholm has received unconfirmed news from Finland that the Finns have released Petsamo, with several thousand prisoners and much war material.

The report says that the Finns in this area have been very successful with land mines. Similar unconfirmed Scandinavian reports have persisted in the past few days but nothing has been received in Helsinki or Stavik to indicate there is any truth in the report that Petsamo has been recaptured.—United Press.

Neutral Intervenes

Stockholm, Jan. 2. An American broadcasting reporter is partly responsible for the start of yesterday's attack on the Mannerheim Line in the Karelian Isthmus, according to the Stockholm correspondent of the Tidningen.

The reporter, in order to provide New Year's Eve with local colour in his broadcast, placed the microphone near a Finnish battery which obligingly fired a heavy salvo, whereupon the Russians, believing the Finns were preparing to attack, opened an artillery barrage and themselves attacked.—Reuter.

Swedish Volunteers

Helsinki, Jan. 2. "Thousands of Swedes want to take part in the struggle and in the course of the last few days their wishes have materialised," declared the Foreign Minister, M. Tanner, in an interview with the Swedish news agency to-day.

"This force of volunteers, under the command of General Ernest Linder which has come to participate as a unit of the Finnish Army against the Soviet corps also comprises an adequate number of officers and non-commissioned officers, and their role in the struggle for freedom and peace considerably speeded."—Reuter.

SERIOUS OUTLOOK

Irish Saying May Prove True

London, Jan. 2.

A report in reliable quarters states that Ireland is looking forward to the possibility of grave civil strife early in the New Year.

The future depends entirely on whether Mr. Eamon de Valera can restrain the Irish Republican Army, which has been growing in numbers and during, while the Premier's own political strength seemed to be on the wane.

The illegal Republican organisation wants to take advantage of Britain's engagement in the war to annex the six southern counties, in Ulster. They would probably accept German aid if they could.

The daring seizure by the Irish Republican Army of 20 tons of arms and ammunition from the Eire Army's magazine in Dublin has forced Mr. de Valera to act. Leave of army officers has been cancelled throughout Eire and the Dail will meet on Wednesday. The Government's emergency powers include authority to intern without trial persons suspected of subversive activities.

There is an old Irish saying that the year St. Patrick's Day and Palm Sunday fall on the same date into the streets of Ireland will run with blood and a great fight will take place for the unity of the country. This year Palm Sunday coincides with St. Patrick's Day on March 17.—United Press.

Fight With Pirates

Three Robbers Killed In Chinese Waters

A fight between armed pirates and fishermen near Sam Mun, Chinese waters, on December 29 was described by Yau Chau-shui, master of a pirated junk, on his return to Hongkong on Monday. In the course of the fight, three of six robbers are believed to have been shot and drowned. A fourth was captured and handed to the Police.

Yau left Chinese territory on December 27 with a mixed cargo and 30 passengers. On December 29, when off the Nine Pins early in the morning, a boat approached and opened fire. The steersman of the junk, Yau Ping, fell overboard immediately after the burst of fire and disappeared.

Four pirates boarded and forced Yau to sail towards Sam Mun. Two fishing junks were sighted in the afternoon, and opened fire. Four pirates dived overboard and two cast away in their own vessel.

Three of the four swimming men sank beneath the water as shots were fired at them. The fourth was picked up.

The cargo junk suffered a loss of \$400 silver dollars. The rest of the cargo was not touched.

Another pirate was also reported on Monday. Cargo valued at \$1,000 was seized from a junk on a passage from San Chiu to Hongkong.

Lo Chung-ming, master, reported that he had 30 passengers and a crew of 12. Pirates stopped his craft off Ku Ling, San Mei, on December 27, Ku Ling, San Mei, on December 27, by opening fire with machine guns and revolvers. The vessel was taken to Hui Mun where the cargo was transferred, and where the captives remained prisoners for two days.

German Labour Called For

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 2. (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of the "Politiken" says Stalin has asked Germany for 200,000 technicians, engineers and experts to reorganise Russian economic life, especially the transport system.

The correspondent says Russia will not be able to continue the campaign against Finland unless a relay of skilled men arrives immediately.

All the German experts who go to Russia will be given an entirely free hand and be under Stalin's personal protection. It is said they will receive good salaries.

The correspondent adds that the continuance of Russo-German collaboration depends on the immediate despatch of this manpower.

The only question is whether Germany can spare such a big number of skilled men.

New Health Officer

Urban Council Welcomes Dr. N. C. Macleod

A welcome was extended to Dr. Nicol Campbell Macleod, new deputy director of Health Services, at the meeting of the Urban Council yesterday. The Chairman, Mr. W. J. Carrie, introduced Dr. Macleod to members, and said:

Dr. Macleod comes to us after a long and distinguished career in Uganda where he first joined the Medical and Health Services in 1924. He has had wide and varied experience as Malariaologist, as Special Medical Officer in charge of campaigns against plague and sleeping sickness and in other ways.

For the last two years Dr. Macleod has been a Provincial Medical Officer in Uganda which means that he was in charge of all Medical and Health activities over a province with an area much larger than this Colony and with a population as great if not greater. He is now our professional adviser in all matters of a medical or health nature and knowing you all as I do I feel I can assure him that we shall at all times welcome his advice. (Applause.)

Formal Business

Applications for a food preserving licence for 118, Tunglun Road, second floor, and a laundry licence for 252 Hollywood Road, ground floor, were refused.

List of licences granted by the Council between December 19 and January 1 inclusive are as follows:—Food factories 13, food shops 7, milk shops (2), eating houses 1.

Before the meeting closed, Mr. Carrie referred to the recent broadcast on the anti-tuberculosis campaign, and invited members to bring forward suggestions for ways and means to co-operate with the Director of Medical Services. The ideas and proposals are to be brought up at the next meeting for discussion.

UNREST IN MALAYA

Singapore, Jan. 2.

Governor Sir Shenton Thomas, in a broadcast, said there were some in Malaya to-day who are doing all they can to stir up trouble and behaving themselves as if the Nazis were their friends.

"I warn them that I regard them as enemies and shall deal with them accordingly," Sir Shenton said.

Hau, the alleged Chinese agitator, who was ordered deported, left for China.—United Press.

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- G2176—Cavalleria. (Raff) New Light Sym. Orch.
- Solemn Melody. (Walford-Davies).
- G2812—Dance of The Hours. "Gloconda" Boston Promenade Orch.
- G2208—From Offenbach's Samble Box Marek Weber & Orch.
- G2287—Negro Spiritual Medley Paul Robeson, with Orch.
- G2851—The King Steps Out. (Kreisler) Chorus & Orch.
- G2896—Happy Vienna Viennese Waltz Orch.
- G2220—White Horse Inn. Vocal Gems Light Opera Company.

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Around The Courses

NEW YEAR AT THE COUNTRY CLUB

Vandals On Horseback: Collecting Money For The British Red Cross

(By "Birdie")

ONE COULD NOT HAVE WISHED for finer weather than that of the New Year holidays. The course at Sheungshiu looked very fine under the brilliant sun, but its lovely surface was the covering of a hard and sub baked soil. Puffs of "smoke" signalled where the ball had fallen. A little extra covering of sand on the greens, however, made them quite playable.

In weather such as this it is difficult keeping the course in good playing condition, and I can assure the two "sportsmen" on horseback who galloped over the course on New Year's day from one end to the other that the Club does not need their efforts to till the soil. Unfortunately, the course had only a few players thereon, and these two "gentlemen" were out of range of both voice and ball.

There could be no question that they had not recognised a golf course, and indignation in the club house was high at such vandal trespassing. A country yokel would have known better.

THE semi-final matches of the Junior Championship, and the first round matches of the Ladies Championship were played off on Sunday.

After being all square at the turn, George Lee beat W. C. Hung 3 and 2, while in the other match, S. V. Gittins beat A. E. de Pinna 7 and 0 after being 4 up at the turn.

The results of the women's matches were:

Miss A. Sequeira easily beat Miss E. Ford.
Miss Mabel Churn beat Miss L. Heang 3 and 2.
Mrs. C. Hernandez beat Miss Molly Churn 5 and 4.

Byen into the second round were Mrs. Norah Lee v. Miss M. Mooney, and Mrs. A. J. Kew v. A. G. Botelho.

THE draw for the Captain's Cup competition proper is as follows:

G. Lee v. B. Basio; R. E. Lee v. E. Sadlek; T. Y. C. Lee v. S. V. Gittins; C. H. T. Suen v. A. W. Ramsey; A. J. Kew v. M. E. de Pinna; A. T. Lee v. C. Kew; P. C. K. Tyau v. A. A. Lopes; E. J. M. Churn v. J. J. Basio.

Entries for the Senior Championship are now twelve. The qualifying round will be played off on January 14, and members are reminded that the closing date for entries is January 7.

THE hordes of Genghis Khan and Tamerlane had little on the army of players and caddies and spectators that moved off from the first tee of the Country Club on New Year's Day.

It was a five-a-side match, with all ten playing together. The golf, considering what had been the night before, was quite good, and the game was most entertaining. The weak link, however, was the player, who the night before had done everything at succumb to what he had imbibed. He took ten for the first outburst, and thereafter improved enormously, averaged seven's.

FEW people anticipated that aid to the British Red Cross Fund at Home, Henry Cotton, of course, as instigator, the central figure, and he has now very nearly £2,500 in his collection.

He and H. G. Bentley beat R. Burton and H. E. Walker by 6 and 3 in a 36-holes match on the St. Anne's Old Links, and the match resulted in £200.

His record sum, however, was taken at Moortown on November 26. He was playing with W. Shankland, R. Burton and Alex. Kyle, and with the auction of the balls, £980 was received. This effort from Leeds, beats the previous high sum, both over £600, which were taken at Edinburgh and Southport.

IT will be recalled that during one of the recent matches in Scotland, enemy planes appeared in an air raid. Bursts in the sky revealed that the planes were being engaged by the A.A. batteries, and beyond occasional glances there none of the golfers were seriously concerned.

Henry Cotton dealt with this incident during a broadcast and remarked that he did not know whether the entertainment afforded on the links was greater than the new diversion of watching air raids.



Dribbling the ball during the Club-Navy rugby match at Happy Valley last Saturday. The Navy beat Club by 14 points to three.—Mae Cheung.

Million Peso Hai-alai Project in Manila

A GROUP of Manila and Shanghai businessmen, states a U.P. message from Manila have organized a million peso hai alai corporation there, and the grounds on which their auditorium will stand will be broken at a ceremony on January 15, 1940.

Hai Alai Assadourian and Teodoro Jauregui, who promoted the game in Shanghai and Tientsin, are on the board of directors of the local corporation, which is headed by Adrian Go.

Joaquin "Mike" Elizalde, Philippines Resident Commissioner, at Washington, is the vice-president.

The local group plans to shift leading hai alai players between Barcelona, Madrid, Saz Sebastian, Manila, Shanghai and Tientsin in order to secure the best available talent and provide the spectators with new faces.

Manila sporting circles believe the game would prove most popular in Manila because of the Spanish background.

Rifle Shooting

LIGHT ROBS F. P. SEQUEIRA OF "CENTURY"

Capt. F. P. Sequeira, Hongkong Volunteers, was unfortunate not to register the 100 mark in Saturday's spoon and practice shoot at Stonecutters when failing light prevented him from securing best results at the longest range. He was very unlucky at 600 where he wanted a 34 to complete his century, but after starting off with five bulls he ended in fast falling light with a magpie and an inner for 98. He won the net spoon in the aperture sights event.

There was a good gathering about 35 attending. The day was fair for shooting, the wind being more or less down the range.

Sgt. R. J. Heap, Range Staff, won the open sights event with 85, which was considered a good effort as it is some time since he has used this type of rifle.

Handicap spoons were won by Cpl. A. F. Ferreira, Volunteers, in the open sights, and by A. Simpson, Dockyard, in the aperture sights.

At to-day's shoot at Kowloon City firing will be at 200, 300 and 400 yards, commencing at 1.45 p.m. There will also be revolver shooting.

Results of Saturday's meeting:

Aperture Sights			
Capt. F. P. Sequeira	Hcp 200	500	600
Sgt. G. E. Drees	34	32	30
J. G. Biles	33	31	29
Cpl. E. G. Brighty	32	30	28
Cpl. L. Langley	31	29	27
Cpl. F. C. Cole	30	28	26
Cpl. J. A. Guani	29	27	25
Cpl. J. S. Biles	28	26	24
Cpl. G. Foreman	27	25	23
Cpl. J. S. Biles	26	24	22
A. Simpson	25	23	21
C. J. Mitchell	24	22	20

Open Sights

Sgt. R. J. Heap	85
Cpl. J. C. Kevier	77
Cpl. A. F. Ferreira	77
Pte. L. A. Roberts	72
V. B. J. Merrell	72
H. B. Jones	72
Pte. J. C. Fonseca	72
Pte. C. M. Xavier	72
Pte. C. J. Martin	72
Pte. J. A. Victor	72

J. M. Thomson tackling a Navy forward in the Club-Navy rugby match at Happy Valley on Saturday.—Mae Cheung.

AMERICAN CRUSADE TO "CLEAN UP" PROFESSIONAL BOXING

WASHINGTON, (UP).—Rep. Ambrose J. Kennedy of Maryland has opened a crusade to "clean up" professional boxing by placing the fight game under federal control. When Congress convenes early in January, Representative Kennedy will introduce a bill to that effect.

Without wishing to spray any frigid liquid upon Kennedy's brain child, we would suggest that the good Congressman introduce a bill instead to have J. Edgar Hoover and his "G-men" scour the nation for a top-flight heavyweight challenger. Such a measure, we believe, would have more chance of passing and of functioning.

As we recall, there have been other legislators in the past who campaigned for federal control of fistfights, but they never made much headway. And Jack Dempsey has been advocating a federal boxing car ever since Gene Tunney got that long count in Chicago.

Kennedy will find it very difficult to get his bill passed, because such legislation involves state's rights. In every state where the fight game flourishes, the state politicians regard it as a sort of plum from which campaign can be harvested—directly in a financial sense, but in a vote getting sense. Because of this angle, commissions, in the important boxing states, seldom pull together when the success of promoters, managers or even big-time boxers are threatened by proposed action by an outside commission.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER... REMEMBER, for example, how the Illinois commission soldered at the New York commission when Chicago got the Braddock-Louis title scrap, a fight that was banned in New York because it gave the run-around to Max Baerling, New York's No. 1 challenger.

Remember also how Philadelphia got the first Dempsey-Tunney tilt, how Cleveland got the Schweling-Stubbing bout. "We got know."

And speaking of state's rights, isn't it a bit coincidental that Rep. Kennedy's crusade follows in the footsteps of the National Boxing Association, which decision to duel to featherweight champion, Archibald of Providence, R.I., over Harry Jeffra of Baltimore. Our geography teacher always told us that Baltimore was in Maryland. Officials of the National Boxing Association joined in the tumult and shouting over that decision. Archibald's manager, Al Weill, claims that some of the N.B.A. officials hall from Maryland.

THREATENING LETTERS WE do not know if that be true. Anyway, Weill received letters threatening Congressional action against boxing unless the agreed to

Tennis Semi-finals Of Women's Championship

The semi-finals of the Colony women's tennis championships will be held at 3 p.m. on January 6 and January 14 at the U.S.R.C.

In the singles on Saturday, Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu will meet Miss J. Reeve and Mrs. E. Litton will meet Miss M. Stokes.

In the doubles on January 14 Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. W. Knight will meet Miss M. Griffiths and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu and Mrs. Lade and Mrs. Churchill will meet Mrs. Hyde and Mrs. Litton.

SCOTTISH SOCCER GAMES

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The following were the results of Divisional football matches played in Scotland to-day:

Western		Eastern	
Albion	4 Motherwell	0	2
Clyde v. Third Lanark	postponed		
Hamilton	3 St. Mirren	4	1
Kilmarnock	3 Ayr	1	1
North	2 Aldrie	1	1
Queen O'Sth.	3 Dumbarton	1	1
Queen's Park v. Celtic and Rangers	postponed		
v. Partick	postponed		
Aberdeen	0 Falkirk	2	2
Cowdenbeath	0 Hibernian	4	4
Dundee	0 St. Bernards	2	2
East Fife	3 Dundee U.	6	6
Hearts	7 Arbroath	2	2
King's Park	1 Alloa	2	2
St. Johnstone	10 Raith	3	3
Stenmuir	3 Dunfermline	0	0

Changes To Week-End League Schedule

OWING TO THE REPLAY of the Senior Shield game between the Club and the Royal Scots, the following alterations have been made necessary to the coming week-end's league football programme:

Kowloon v. Club and R. Scots v. S. China "B" have been postponed. Club and R. Scots meet in the Shield replay on the Club ground on Saturday.

Kowloon meet S. China "B" on the Kowloon ground in a first Division match.

Extra time must be played in all Shield games.

Indoor Bowling

Molthen Wins Handicap Singles Match

In the third round of the Singles Handicap Competition at the Hongkong Bowling Alleys yesterday, Doc Molthen (plus 8) beat S. A. Ismail (plus 25) by 84 points, 607-523, after conceding 48 points to the loser.

Molthen scored 205, 225 and 177. Ismail had 48 added to his scores of 135, 153 and 189.

SPEED RIVALRY ENDED BY THE WAR

Present Land Record Should Remain

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (UP).—Many years may pass before Utah's Bonneville salt speedway sees another racing car and the present land speed record may stand for a long time, Gus Backman, president of the Bonneville racing association, believes.

Europe's war is the primary reason for these predictions, Backman declared.

It was pointed out that after John Cobb, British speed king, made a new world's record of 368.85 miles an hour, he said his return to the salt speedway—the only place in the world depend on whether war broke out in Europe.

Moreover, there is only one other "car" in the world that could even come near to breaking Cobb's mark

and that is owned by another Briton—Capt. G. E. T. Eyston. Neither he nor Cobb wish to risk their lives in powered-and-high-priced speedsters in crossing an ocean infested with German U-boats.

COBB WITHOUT RIVAL

COBB, who now holds all records between one kilometer and 10 miles, indicated last summer he would not return to the salt if war started.

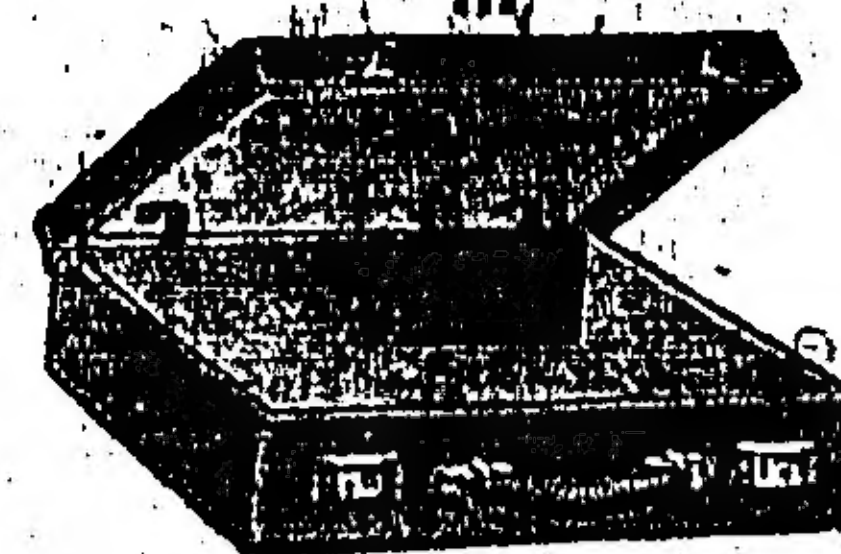
"My future plans depend entirely on the actions of Herr Hitler," he declared. "That was on Aug. 26. A week later his nation was at war with Germany."

Exactly what Eyston is doing has not been announced, but a recent news reel showed a new British sub-chaser with the craft's designer at the wheel. The man at the wheel was Eyston.

With Cobb and Eyston removed temporarily from the world's Big Three of racing, only Ab Jenkins, American holder of all standing mile records, remains as a possibility for runs on the salt flats during war years.

NO MOTORS AVAILABLE BUT Jenkins' Marmion Motor XII does not have the power of Cobb's Rallion Red Lion. Nor is there a motor in the United States as a motor adaptable to power an American contender for the land

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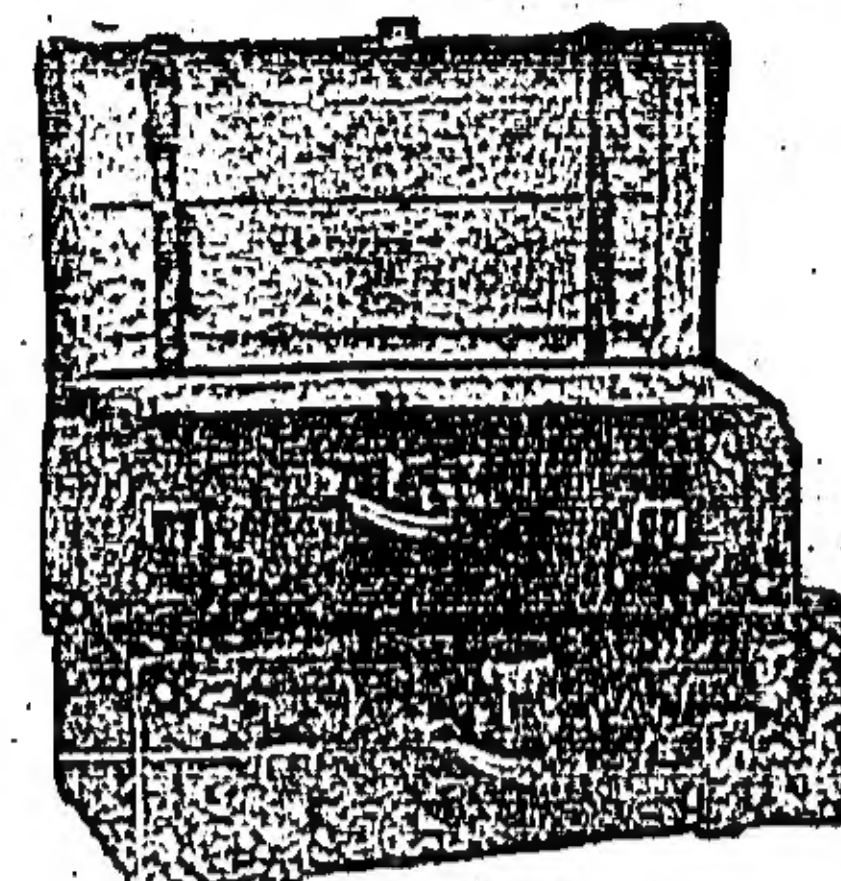
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W. V. Ahern returned the winning card 89 (8) 81 in the One-Club Competition held at Kowloon Golf Club during the holidays. Other scores were—W. Davenport 100 (15) 85, A. A. Lopes 90 (8) 87.

Following is the draw for Sunday's play off of the high handicap competition:

200 T. Henderson, A. G. Duffield.
204 F. Sale, G. Frost.
208 R. A. C. Basso, J. G. Humble.
212 F. E. Lawrence, E. Basso.
216 H. J. Grosse, W. Webber.
220 G. U. Moss, J. M. Boyd.
224 P. Finlayson, L. Jack.
228 W. Davenport, W. Kerahaw.

speed records now held by the English fur broker.

"All in all," it would cost about \$1,000,000 to put a car on the salt capable of bettering Cobb's record," Backman said. "A pair of motors alone would probably cost half the amount because special molds and dies would have to be cut for the flying mile group for some time," he said.

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GLENN LEE AGREES TO FIGHT AGAIN IN MANILA

JESS CORTES, Manila boxing promoter who staged the middle-weight championship fight between Ceferino Garcia, champion, and Glen Lee, to-day announced that Lee had agreed to return to Manila in March to fight Luis Logan states a United Press message from Manila.

Logan, former light-heavy-weight champion of Europe and the Orient, recently expressed his desire to come out of retirement and fight either Lee or Garcia.

Although Logan has not fought for a couple of years here because of lack of opposition, he is in good shape since he continually work out.

In opposing Lee he will probably have the advantage of some fifteen pounds.

Lee sailed together with Garcia for the United States aboard the President Pierce. Lee had earlier agreed to stay over here if a bout could be arranged with Logan immediately. Such an arrangement, however, could not be made and thus he promised to return here in March for a bout with Logan, Cortes said.

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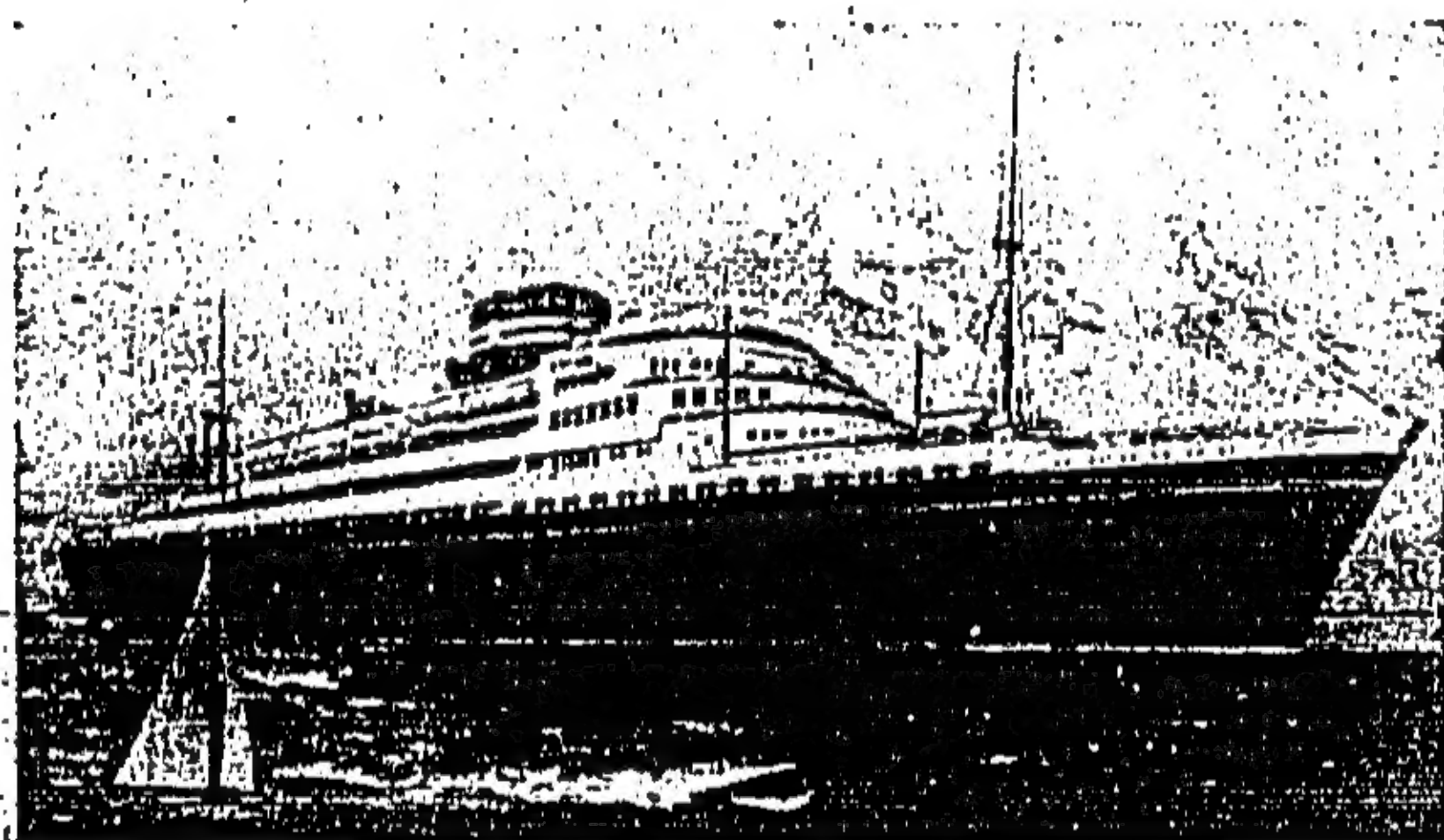
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a boy of fourteen.

How the men of the British freighter Heronspool fought a
running battle with a U-boat for seven hours and, after the ship
had been sunk, drifted in leaking boats till they were picked up
by the U.S. liner President Harding, was told by the fourteen-year-
old mess boy, Frank Elders, of Harlepool.

"LET US FISH FOR MINES"

Seamen Join Up

"We do not forget that the
safety of these islands depends
on the untiring watchfulness of
our seamen, as it has done ever
since the days of Queen Eliza-
beth," Mr. Chamberlain's trib-
ute to British seamen in his
speech last night.

THE fishermen of Britain are
volunteering in hundreds to sweep
Hitler's mines out of the sea.
Although the Admiralty emergency
appeal for volunteers was only issued
on a recent Friday night, R.N.R. re-
cruiters were besieged with inquiries
on the following day. So great was
the rush that some offices were kept
open even on Sunday.

Lost His Father

At Great Yarmouth are found men
just returned from the fishing
grounds eagerly seeking further de-
tails of the Navy's call. Said young
Fred King: "I'm off to volunteer,
and so are plenty of other young
chaps I know. My father thinks he'll
screw us with his old mines, he's
mighty mistaken."
"There's plenty of dangers at sea
at any time, and mines and sub-
marines only make things more ex-
citing."

The Grimsby recruiting office was
filled with volunteers. One of them,
George Foley, lost his father recently
in a mined trawler.
"I was going in any case," he said,
"but the loss of my father makes me
still more keen."

Whole Crew Join Up

At Lowestoft drifter crews were
deciding to volunteer in one batch,
in the hope that they would be called
on to serve together.
Among the 140 volunteers was a
man who enrolled with his two sons
and two sons-in-law.

The Admiralty appeal was ad-
dressed primarily to men who have
not less than one year's experi-
ence in a deep sea fishing vessel.
Others may be accepted, however, if
the registrar, R.N.R., is satisfied that
their general experience is satis-
factory.

Deep-Sea Gun To Be Used To Get Radium

"FISHING" for deposits of radium
which are believed to lie at the
bottom of the Pacific will be carried
out by the South Pacific expedition
organised by the National Geographic
Society and the University of Vir-
ginia.

The radium deposits are not be-
lieved to be of commercial value,
but they may contain vast stores of
heat and energy producing changes
in the ocean basins and the earth's
crust, the National Geographic
Society announced.

From Ocean Bottom
To search for the radium the
expedition will use a "deep-sea gun,"
which can be fired on the bottom of
the ocean as far as six miles down.
The gun is lowered to the bottom on
a cable, and is fired automatically.
The explosion drives a hollow metal
tube deep into the ocean floor. When
the tube is hauled to the surface it
contains a cross section of "core" of
the ocean bottom sediment which has
been slowly accumulating for millions
of years, states the British United
Press.

Deep-sea radium deposits are be-
lieved to have played an important
part in the past history of the earth,
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ocean basins and the development of
the earth's crust. The expedition
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U-Boat Holed By "Victim"

Hitler got hit when a German
U-boat attacked a British armed
merchant vessel. This first story
of a fight involving an armed mer-
chant ship has reached Malta
House, London, from Antonio
Ottajaro, a Maltese seaman, who
has just returned to Cardiff.
When the ship was attacked it
promptly returned the U-boat's
fire and holed the submarine.
A British destroyer, attracted by
the firing, sped to the scene.
The U-boat, unable to submerge
with a damaged hull, was at the
warship's mercy. Within a few
minutes she was destroyed.

AMERICA'S BID FOR AIR POWER 70,000 Airmen By End Of 1941

That was the prediction made
by Robert H. Hinckley, chair-
man of the Civil Aeronautics
Authority, when he returned
home for a brief vacation.

Flying in mass formation, 70,000
pilots would cover an area of about
50 square miles—enough to cast a
shadow over New York City. But
Hinckley said that at the present rate
of increase, including the C.A.A.
pilot training programme, America's
potential air power easily would
reach the 70,000 mark in three years.
"At present 26,144 pilots hold cer-
tificates, an increase of 6,000, or 30 per
cent, within the year," Hinckley said.
"With the progress that has been
made the number of fliers will be
tripled within three years."

Plane Output Keeps Step

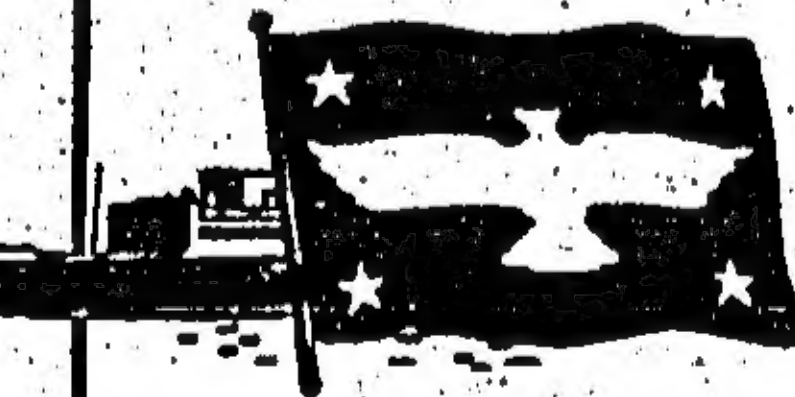
Another indication of America's
growth in the air is being recorded
in the plane production.
During the first six months of this
year, 1,027 airplanes were built for
domestic use, compared to 850 for
the first six months of 1938, the
C.A.A. chief said.
"At the same time, it is nearly
three times safer for a person to fly
the nation's airways this year than
it was last year," he declared. "Dur-
ing the authority's first year of
functioning there were only three
fatal accidents on the nation's air-
lines and only one pilot killed. The
statistical records show 72,000,000
miles flown per pilot, fatality, 51-
700,000 miles per passenger fatality,
and 24,300,000 miles per fatal ac-
cident."

Airlines Are Praised

In reviewing the accomplishments,
Chairman Hinckley gave credit to
operators of airlines for a remark-
able record, stating that they had co-
operated fully with the authority by
improving equipment and personnel,
and by seeking to improve the utility
of all flying.

"Advancement of the industry has
also been reflected in travel," he
said. "Up to June of this year, a
64 1/2 per cent increase in passenger
travel was shown over June, 1938."
This increase, although encourag-
ing to Hinckley, caused a trouble-
some delay when he was called back
to Washington at the outbreak of the
European war. The C.A.A. director
was unable to book passage out of
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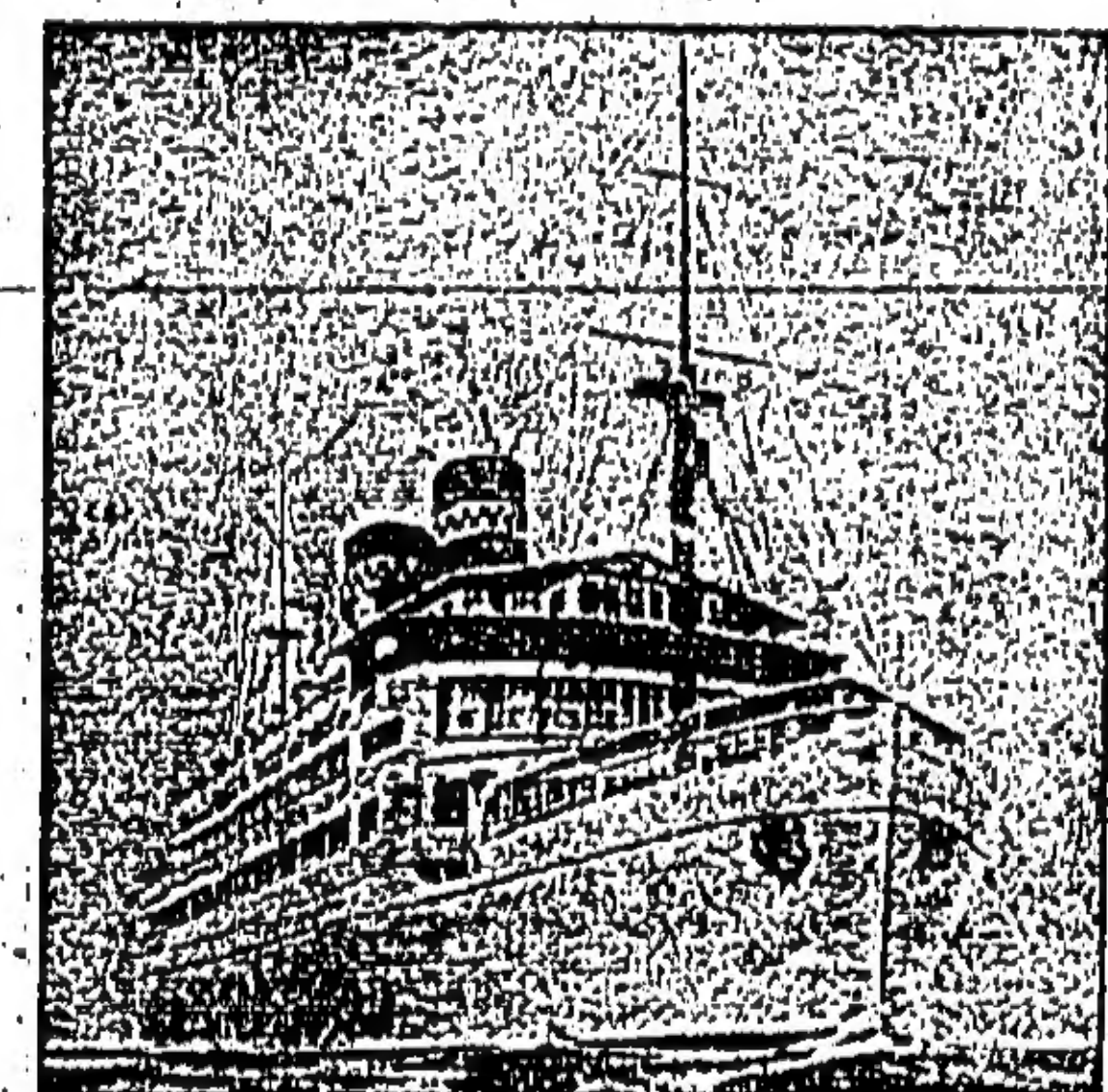
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A wide margin of bare floor around a rug is undesirable, as it makes the room seem smaller. A foot and a half margin is wide enough.

To eliminate triangular tears in sheets caused by a bedspring, cover the corners of the bedspring with adhesive tape.

Ink spilled on a waxed floor should be mopped up first with a moistened soft cloth. Then scrub with steel wool and clear warm water, dry and wax.

Place crumpled tissue paper in the bottom of the cookie jar. It helps keep cookies fresh.

When chocolate is not available, make the following substitution: Use one-half cup of cocoa plus one-half teaspoon of shortening for each square of chocolate called for in the recipe.

Empty cracked ice into a sack after freezing ice cream. When the ice has melted nearly all the salt remains to be used again.

The secret of cooking turnips and other coarse vegetables well is to cook them very rapidly in a large amount of water and never with a lid on.



This extra wide-skirted coat of brown woolen has a soft, fluffy collar of light lynx-dyed wolf. Belied in brown leather.

SHIPS LAID UP Britain Leaves One Ship on Yangtse

London, Jan. 2. The Admiralty announced the withdrawal of five gunboats of the Yangtse Patrol in October, and a further three last month. His Majesty's Government has now decided to lay up two of the remaining three gunboats in the Upper Yangtse, making a total of 10 withdrawn and decommissioned from the Yangtse since October.—United Press.



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Egg Shampoo Brings Out Sheen In Lovely Red Hair

By JACQUELINE HUNT

SOME of the most fascinating and glamorous women of history were very soft, elastic and shining all over. Cleopatra and Queen Elizabeth are well known examples of women who owed much of their ability to turn the heads of men and the destiny of nations to their flaming topknots. Many of the lovely girls you see on the screen to-day are red-heads, too. Myrna Loy, Katherine Hepburn, Ann Sheridan and charming Janet Gaynor have red hair and consider it a major asset. If you are the fortunate possessor of red-gold, titian or auburn locks, take care of your precious hair and make it truly your "crowning glory." Do not trust its coppery colour to harsh soaps, chemicals or bleaches. But give it that glowing, burnished look that comes from perfect cleanliness and lots of brushing and polishing.

You must select your shampoo more carefully than your dark or light haired friends. To preserve and enhance the lovely highlights, you must have a shampoo that will cleanse your hair thoroughly but leave no soap curds to dull its luster. There is a foamy oil shampoo—that is excellent for this purpose. It is made of fine oils, is sopples yet provides a rich foamy lather that removes every trace of oil and dirt from the hair. Since it is water soluble, it rinses away completely, leaving the hair soft, sparkling clean and easy to manage.

EGG SHAMPOO FOR LUSTRE

If you have more leisure and are willing to go to more trouble and expense, an egg shampoo is another suggestion. This is the method that exotic Katherine Hepburn uses to keep her coppery-red hair lovely and healthy. She uses the yolks and the whites of four fresh eggs.

She first brushes her hair vigorously with a long-bristled, flexible brush to remove all traces of lint and grime and to stimulate the circulation in the scalp. She then beats the whites and yolks of the eggs separately, and massages the yolks first through her hair with her fingertips. She massages for several minutes, then works the egg whites into her hair and over her scalp with her fingertips. When every hair has been cleansed by the foamy egg mixture, she rinses, continuously with tepid water and lemon juice until all of the egg has been removed. She uses the strained juice of one fresh lemon to each pint of water used for rinsing—this usually means three or four lemons. When the hair is thoroughly clean, she removes the excess water with a clean, warm, lintless towel, then finishes the drying by running her fingers through the strands of hair and tossing them about with her hands.

When the hair is thoroughly dry, she goes at it with a clean brush and brushes vigorously up, brushing the hair in every direction to exercise the scalp and polish every strand of hair.

ENDS MUST BE BRUSHED

If you follow these suggestions, see that the very ends of the hair get a

lot of brushing, too, so the hair is very soft, elastic and shining all over your entire head. You may then dampen your hair slightly if necessary to deepen the wave or set the end curls. If you have your coiffure arranged at a beauty salon, allow plenty of time for it so your hair can be dried under slow heat. With brushing and proper care your hair should be sufficiently silky and soft without the use of brilliantine or a hair dressing. If you do use one have it sprayed or brushed on very lightly, as too much oil is apt to leave dark streaks instead of emphasizing the highlights. Here's a trick that will give the desired effect: When your hair is dry and the curls and waves have been brushed out and arranged, hold the brilliantine atomizer at an angle almost parallel with your head and spray lightly. Use this way the fine mist of brilliantine just touches the high spots of the waves and curls, giving highlights without making the hair oily.



Returning from Europe recently, Mrs. Harrison Williams was wearing an all-gray Persian-trimmed coat. Fur is lavishly applied in wide revers, banded hip and breast pockets and bands that end in little cuff bands on the sleeves.

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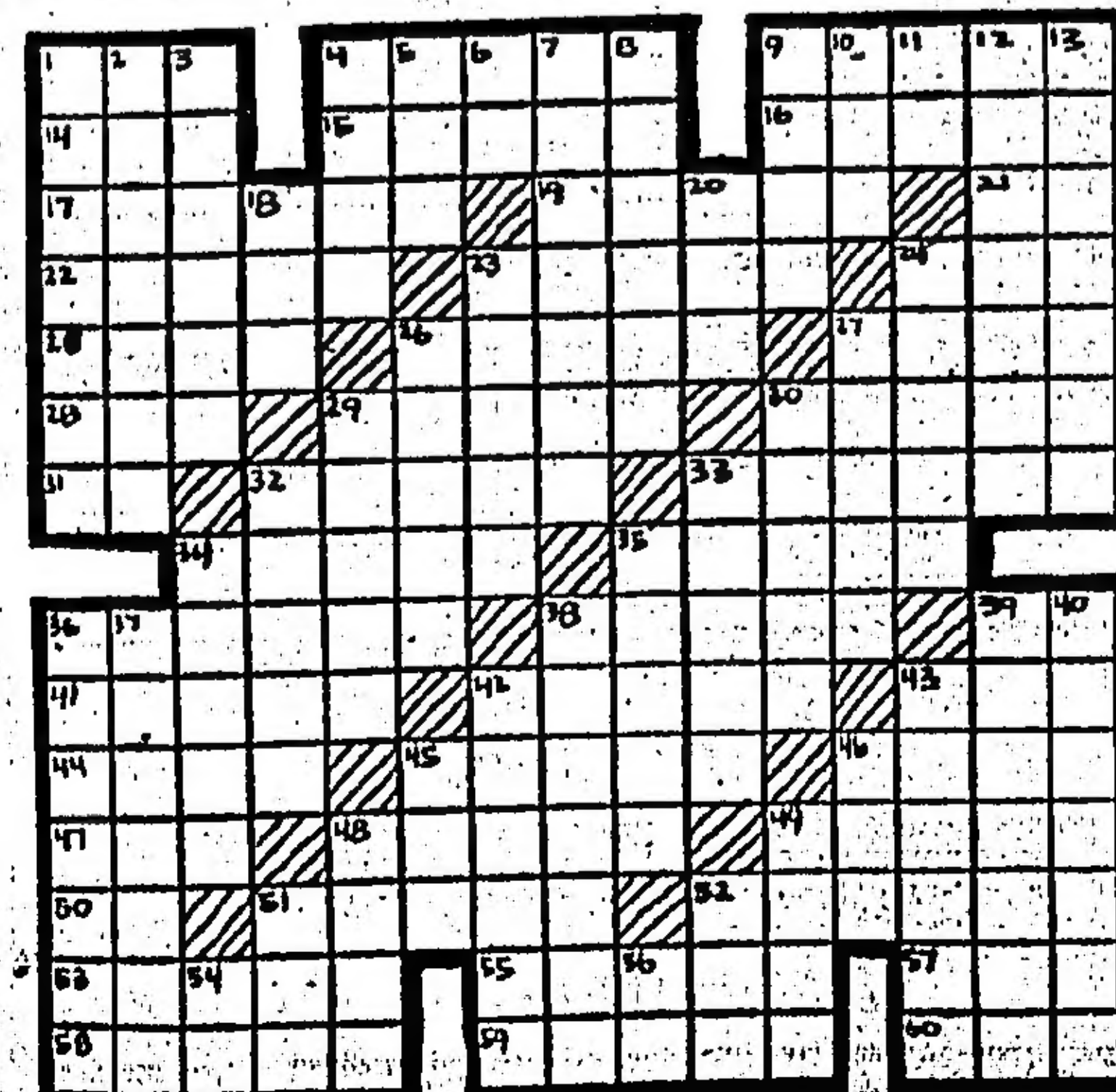
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- Word representing loud crying
- Below measure of capacity
- Large package
- A name
- Price
- Power by vote
- Device used in swimming
- Compound of iron
- Note of scale
- Enthusiastic
- Of little strength
- Time of evening
- Small particle
- Locations
- Unit of weight
- Unit of time (abbr.)
- Leather strip
- Sewing-machine attachment
- Regret purposely
- Peril
- Armed body
- Very thin sheets of metal
- On the left
- On the right
- Family friend
- Painting device
- Whisk
- Crater
- Child
- Preclude the tip
- Unit of
- Small ship's crane

DOWN

- Elevated railroad
- Hurrying
- Counters
- Vegetable
- French article
- Link
- Place supervisor
- Level
- Before
- Unhappy child
- Indecisive
- Combinations of figures
- Letters
- Article of apparel
- Kind of shrub
- Sharp pain
- Piece of moss
- Late voice
- Emotional states
- Former Spanish
- Was against
- Wanted
- Former Spanish
- Gold coin
- Small lake
- Country or post
- Hard ground
- Lowermost (abbr.)
- Attending device of
- Take skin on
- Small lake
- Middle Atlantic
- Letter (abbr.)
- One of
- First person plural



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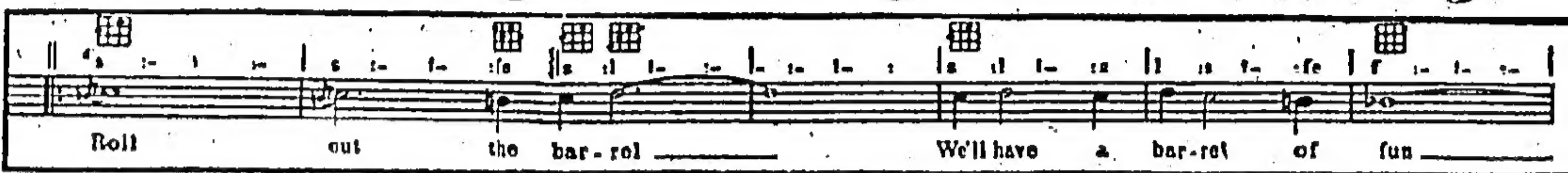


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Fortune is Awaiting Lost Song Writer

A STRANGE FATE IS THAT OF THE YOUNG JAROMIR VEJVODA.

Jaromir, formerly a Czech, and now technically a German subject, is the composer of "Beer Barrel Polka," to the rousing strains of which British troops are marching to war.

The song has had such a spectacular success that a huge sum is piling up in royalties, but Jaromir cannot be located, and in any case the money cannot be sent to him because of the Act which forbids trading with the enemy.

The song was written in 1934 and became the rage of Prague under the title of "Skoda Lasky," meaning "Pity of Love." It was then a sentimental ballad, mourning "wasted love that I gave you, my eyes to-day keep on crying."



Tap-dancing film actress Ruby Keeler has filed a suit for divorce at Los Angeles against Al Jolson. The actress, who is the world as the film actress of "Sunny Boy," Miss Keeler is thirty. He is fifty-three. "Extreme cruelty" is alleged.

Support For Channel Tunnel Plan

PARIS. THE century-old plan for a Channel tunnel between Britain and France once again received authoritative French support today.

M. de Monzie, Minister of Public Works, declared himself in favour of the idea in the Chamber of Deputies. He agreed that the tunnel should be one of the first public works undertaken after the war.

He was replying to a deputy, who had suggested that the tunnel and a trans-Saharan railway were now an international necessity.

The Deputy, M. Boucher, urged that France should approach Britain at "the new war was likely to have convinced the British authorities of the great advantage of direct railway connection."

Plans for a Channel tunnel were first disclosed in Paris in 1802. In 1872 shafts were actually dug in both countries.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: After the New Year celebrations the market has resumed operations with a distinctly steady tone. Today's trading embraces deals in Dooms, which continue the leaders. Electric, Watsons, Dairy Farms, New Trams and China Providents all at slightly better than the opening quotations whilst a small parcel of Hongkong Banks changed hands at \$1,360.

Buyers	
H.K. Bank	\$1,345
Canton Insurance	\$200
Union Insurance	\$425
Douglases	\$71 1/2
Docks	\$20 1/2
Providents	\$4 1/2
Hotels	\$5
Land	\$2.60
Realities	\$4.30
Star Ferries	\$17.10
Yauwatt Ferries	\$23 1/2
China Lights (Old)	\$7 1/2
Electric	\$13 1/2
Sandakan Light	\$11.10
Telephones (Old)	\$24 1/2
Telephones (New)	\$9
Cements	\$17 1/2
Dairy Farms (Old)	\$21
Dairy Farms (New)	\$21
Watsons	\$6.05
Entertainments	\$6 1/2
Constructions (Old)	\$1 1/2
Sales	
H.K. Bank	\$1,360
Canton Insurance	\$205
Docks	\$20.30/35/40
Providents	\$4 1/2
Hotels	\$5
Tramway	\$17.10
China Lights (Old)	\$7.60
Electric	\$13 1/2
Dairy Farms (New)	\$21
Watsons	\$6.10

THE proclamation of a state of siege in some of Holland's frontier regions makes no change in the country's military position, Dutch military experts say. It is a similar measure to that which came into force during the Great War. But the provinces to which the proclamation refers (shaded in the map) seem to indicate that Holland fears a German invasion from the sea as much as on the land.

THEFTS REPORTED

Miss Poole, of the American Mission School, Shaohwan, reported on Monday that a thief entered the premises and stole money and clothing valued at \$15.80.

Clothing valued at \$24 was stolen from a line on the roof of the Kimberley Road residence of Mrs. J. Gurd, on Monday.

Mr. C. Mose, of Duke Street, reported on Monday that he either lost or had stolen from him, a wrist watch, pen and wallet to the total value of \$130.

One X For Two Signatures

A woman who could not write guided the hand of her husband, who could not see, when he made a cross on their joint will.

This was accepted as the signature of both the blind man and his wife by Mr. Justice Henn Collins in the Probate Court in London.

Iron Answer To Aggression

WAISTCOAT POCKET BULLETS, 1-TON SHELLS --ALL IN DAY'S WORK

From IAN MACKAY

GUNVILLE, Dec. 4.

FOR six hours to-day I have wandered about in a flaming inferno of blast furnaces, roaring steel converters, 650-degree electrical retorts, and passed by scorching waterfalls of white-hot steel, skirted giant fountains of fire and dodged showers of golden rain.

I was one of a party of British and Dominion journalists who have set out on a week's tour of some of the great ordnance factories, which are working day and night producing the iron answer to aggression.

The tour, which was arranged by the Ministry of Supply, began at one of the biggest ordnance works, though not one of the largest producers.

Nevertheless, it is one of the most interesting. It turns out almost everything for the defence of democracy—from bullets so small that you could put a dozen in your waistcoat pocket, to giant naval guns, weighing more than 100 tons, which can fling a ton of devastating steel further than 20 miles over the ocean.

The Nine-Point

Perhaps the peak point of a day of wonders was the testing of one of these Min. monsters at the profit-bulls.

The great gun was fired point blank at a mound of sand only a few hundred yards away, and though we stood well away, behind the gun, the detonation was almost unbearable. A ten-foot flame leapt from the muzzle, and the gun itself recoiled four feet as if it had been struck by a thunder-bolt.

My chief impression, wherever I went, was of the extreme—almost pernickety—care taken to test everything and to avoid accidents.

I noticed several boxes of cartridges, chalked with swastikas and expressed surprise.

"Oh, that's all right," my guide said, "that's merely our workmen's way of marking their place of delivery."

Nico, Footwork

In the shell foundry we came across workmen rolling along white-hot tin steel bullets with their feet. It was almost terrifying to watch them swinging these cylinders about on stick chains with a little concern as if they were logs of wood.

The glowing ingots for our anti-aircraft shells whirled past on conveyor belts like an endless procession of Swiss rolls, while just round the corner I came across a

IS BEING AN M.P. AN OCCUPATION?

Mr. Alfred Roy Wise, Conservative M.P. for Southwick, of Old Queen's Street, Westminster, was at Westminster County Court ordered to pay in two instalments a debt of £4.5s. 6d. owing to Barclays Bank Ltd., High-street, Smithwick.

There was a discussion as to what order should be made.

Deputy Judge Sir William Moore-Conn asked: "Is a Member of Parliament an occupation. I am not sure if it is?"

Mr. Powell (for creditors): The position attracts a certain income.

Judge Moore-Conn: It also attracts considerable expenses.

Mr. Powell: I understand they get expenses in addition. I am instructed he received £200 a year.

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THIS ENGLISH WOMAN CROSSED 'WEST WALL'

A YOUNG English woman who had travelled right through the Siegfried Line arrived in London recently with her Hungarian husband, Dr. Lupkovich, after a journey from Slovakia which had taken two months and cost £150.

In the journey across Germany they ate hard-boiled eggs and cold bacon they had bought in Italy, because the German food was so poor.

In Holland they had their first hot bath in six weeks—you cannot get a hot bath in Germany because of fuel rationing.

Soldiers with whom they had to mix on troop trains during the last part of their trip had only apfelstrudel (pastry with apples and raisins) to eat.

Gun Flashes

Sitting on the floor of a friend's flat in Woburn-place, W.C., one night, twenty-five-year-old Mrs. Lupkovich—formerly Miss Margaret Brington-Wiles, of Tonbridge, Kent, told me that on reaching Italy via Hungary and Jugoslavia they left Genoa for Berlin, by way of Brenner and Munich, says a correspondent.

"We travelled at night in a darkened carriage," she said, "with the blinds drawn. Every now and again an S.S. man would pop his head into the carriage to see that nobody was taking a peep out of the window.

"We managed to look out, though. We could see searchlights and the flash of guns near the towns, but whether that was practice or an air raid we could not find out.

"When we reached Berlin I was surprised at the poor way they had it blacked-out. There are lights showing everywhere.

"The whole city seems to be in chaos. You cannot get a taxi at night. The army have just taken charge of the place.

"We saw no meat at all in Germany. Hotel prices are shocking. They charged us £2 for bed and breakfast at a small hotel where the normal charge should have been about 14s.

"We saw no bread, and only a little fish. Two plates of fried potatoes cost us 6s, though I must admit they gave us a devil of a lot of potatoes for our money.

"When we ate our Italian food from paper bags in the train, soldiers used to look at us hungrily. From Berlin we went to Hanover, where the regular train service ended, and then we were herded into third-class carriages with German soldiers. At every junction we could see anti-aircraft guns, either on raised platforms or partially hidden in pits.

"Outside each station there were guns, too. We scrambled on and off troop trains with my four suitcases and a hatbox.

"We actually got on one troop train which went to Kaldenkirchen, right in the Siegfried Line fortifications and the last station before the Dutch frontier. On that last stage of the journey most of the soldiers were drunk.

"They didn't bother about pulling down the window blinds. We could see hundreds of workmen building pillboxes and other fortifications by floodlight, though all the lights were screened from the air by a kind of big umbrella.

"There was no guard on the train, and no ticket collector. We just got an ancient taxi outside the station. But after travelling to within two miles of the German Customs house on the frontier our driver refused to go any further.

"My husband walked on with two bags. I sat by the roadside with the rest of the luggage.

"We told the Customs man the same story about our being Hungarians trying to get to Holland. Thank heaven he didn't know my husband had a letter in his pocket from the British consul in Genoa giving us permission to land in England.

"We walked the remaining 300 yards to the Dutch Customs house at Venlo, and I must say I was glad to see London again."

Hitler's End Would Not Stop War

MELBOURNE.

"Unless a miracle happens, this will be the greatest struggle Britain has ever entered," declared Mr. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, speaking at a church service.

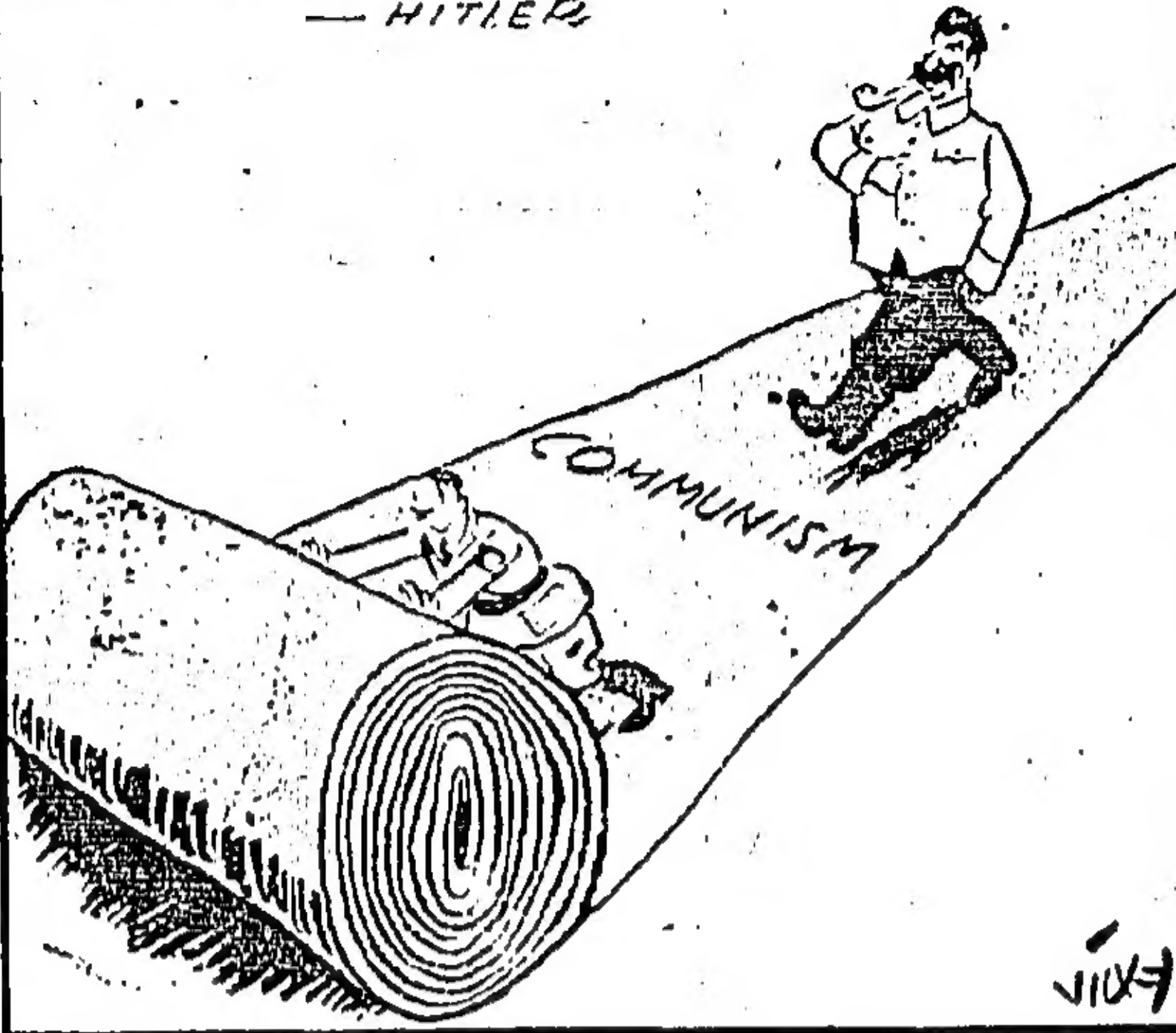
"It will be won," he said, "by the realization that courage must be met with courage, resolution with resolution, industry with more industry.

"I disagree with the theory that we are fighting one man and that the war will be won if he is overthrown. Our fight is against a series of principles of conduct of government, the continued existence of which is intolerable.

"If Hitler ceased to exist the war would continue because the system exists in far more hearts than Hitler's."

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Bounties of £50 For War Babies

BOUNTIES of £50 for war babies are offered by Miss Mary Oliver and Miss Heather Jenner, who run a marriage bureau in Bond-street, London, W.

The conditions are: 1. The parents have married through the bureau; 2. The father must be a member of the Fighting Force; 3. The baby must be born within a year of the marriage.

LATE NEWS

"It is essential that the population should be maintained at such a time," Miss Jenner told the "Sunday Chronicle" recently, "and we hope we will have to make many £50 payments."

Since war started, applications for brides and bridegrooms have doubled.

Young men of the Navy, Army, and Air Force are seeking wives; girls of the A.T.S. and other auxiliary forces want husbands. "Girls' opportunities of meeting men since the war began have been restricted because dances, theatres, and social clubs have closed down," said Miss Jenner.

Ambassador Here

The British Ambassador to China, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark-Kerr, accompanied by Lady Clark-Kerr, and Mr. P. M. Broadbent, Counselor of the Embassy, arrived in Hongkong from Shanghai yesterday afternoon on his way to Chungking.

The Party was met on arrival by Capt. Batty-Smith, A.D.C. to the Governor, and left at once for Government House. The Party stayed at Repulse Bay last night and is expected to leave for the Chinese capital to-day.

A member of the party stated that the visit to Chungking by the Ambassador was a purely routine matter. It is understood, however, that the Ambassadors of America (Mr. Nelson T. Johnson) and of France (M. Henri Combe) will also be in Chungking, and important discussions are to take place during the next few days.

Also in the party was Mr. W. Keswick, of Jardine Matheson and Co. Mr. Keswick's presence is stated to be in connection with the re-opening of the Yangtze and Pearl Rivers to foreign shipping, which is believed to be one of the important subjects to be discussed during the Ambassadorial talks.

American Ambassador

Chungking, Jan. 2.

The American Embassy has revealed that the Ambassador, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, will return to Chungking at the end of January, travelling via Shanghai and Hongkong, but there is no information that Mr. Johnson has already left Peiping as Chinese reports claim.

Mr. Johnson's return will further reinforce the foreign diplomatic force in Chungking with the French Ambassador, M. Henri Combe, the Soviet Ambassador, M. Alexandre Panoukhine, and the Turkish Ambassador, M. Sipahi, already here, while the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, is expected to-morrow.—United Press.

Ice-Floes Choke The Danube

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—Owing to ice-floes blocking the Danube, the Rumanian authorities have suspended all navigation permits.

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AIR BATTLE OVER N. SEA

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LONDON, JAN. 2 (REUTER).—A BIG BATTLE BETWEEN THREE R.A.F. BOMBERS AND 12 NAZI FIGHTERS WAS FOUGHT NEAR THE GERMAN COAST TO-DAY.

THE STORY IS TOLD BY THE AIR MINISTRY IN THE FOLLOWING BULLETIN:

"There has been extensive air activity over the North Sea to-day, and in the neighbouring German coast during the afternoon.

"A formation of three R.A.F. bombers encountered a squadron of 12 Messerschmidt long-range fighters well out at sea.

"The formation, although heavily out-numbered, gave battle to the enemy.

"One Messerschmidt was shot down in flames, and two others were driven down and are likely to have been lost.

"One of the three bombers returned safely. The second was shot down during the encounter. The third is missing."

Nazis Over Belgium?

BRUSSELS, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Foreign aircraft flew over Belgium, drawing fire from anti-aircraft guns, while Belgian fighters went up to intercept them.

The planes are believed to be German but official confirmation is lacking.

German Claims

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Jan. 2 (UP).—It is officially announced that German pursuit planes shot down three R.A.F. bombers attempting to penetrate the German flight (Holligoland Bay) this afternoon.

Planes Over Shetlands

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 2 (UP).—German planes flew over the Shetland Islands this morning but disappeared upon the appearance of R.A.F. fighters. No bombs were dropped and no air-raid alarms were sounded.

Key-Men May Volunteer

Britain's Relaxed
Regulations

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Labour and National Service announces that operations of the schedule of reserved occupations have been relaxed in order to permit men of, or above, the age of reservation in certain occupations, to volunteer for service in the forces, or in the civil defence services.

Men in the occupations included in List 1 (numbering 42 occupations, including editorial staffs of newspapers, periodicals and news agencies) may volunteer for any branch of the defence services, but men in the occupations in List 2 (including masons, boot-repairers, senior clerks, cooks, dock and harbour workers and lithographers) can be accepted for service only in their trade capacity.

Further relaxation of the schedule is also being made in order to permit recruitment, irrespective of age of reservation, of the large number of building and road-making operatives required by the B.E.F. in France, and also certain classes of building operatives for full-time duties in A.R.P. and rescue services.

Ajax Pays Visit To Montevideo

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MONTVIDEO, Jan. 2 (UP).—It is officially announced that the cruiser Ajax, requested and received permission for a 48 hours visit to Montevideo.

It is understood the cruiser arrived Wednesday morning.

GERMAN PROTEST

BERLIN, Jan. 2 (UP).—It is announced that the German Minister at Montevideo, Dr. Langmann, has protested to the Uruguayan government at the internment of the German steamer Tacoma.

Colony Has Month of Sunshine and Drought

LAST MONTH was the brightest December in the history of the Colony.

According to official Royal Observatory figures, Hongkong enjoyed no less than 269.2 hours of sunshine during the 31 days of December, which is 20 hours better than the previous maximum of 249 hours.

A thirty-year-old record was thus smashed.

98 Hours Above Normal

The astonishing sunshine figures can be better appreciated when it is stated that the normal sunshine for December is 171 hours. Last month exceeded this by no less than 98 hours.

The low record for December is 71.9 hours, which were recorded 37 years ago.

The aggregate hours of sunshine for the whole of 1939 are not yet available.

Rainless Month

However, another interesting fact about Hongkong's weather during last month was that it ranks with the Decembers of 1884 and 1909 as being the only ones in which no rainfall was recorded.

Temperatures Normal

Curiously enough, although we had no rain and registered a record number of sunshine hours, the December temperature remained at normal levels.

The monthly mean was 63, which is precisely the mean temperature for December. The normal maximum reached 69 degrees, which was slightly above the average normal, namely 67.9, but was not a record. The record normal maximum is 71.3 degrees.

The normal minimum for the month registered 57 degrees compared with a normal of 55.9, and a record mean high of 62.4 degrees. However, it was three degrees better than the low record of 54.

Year Of Unusual Weather

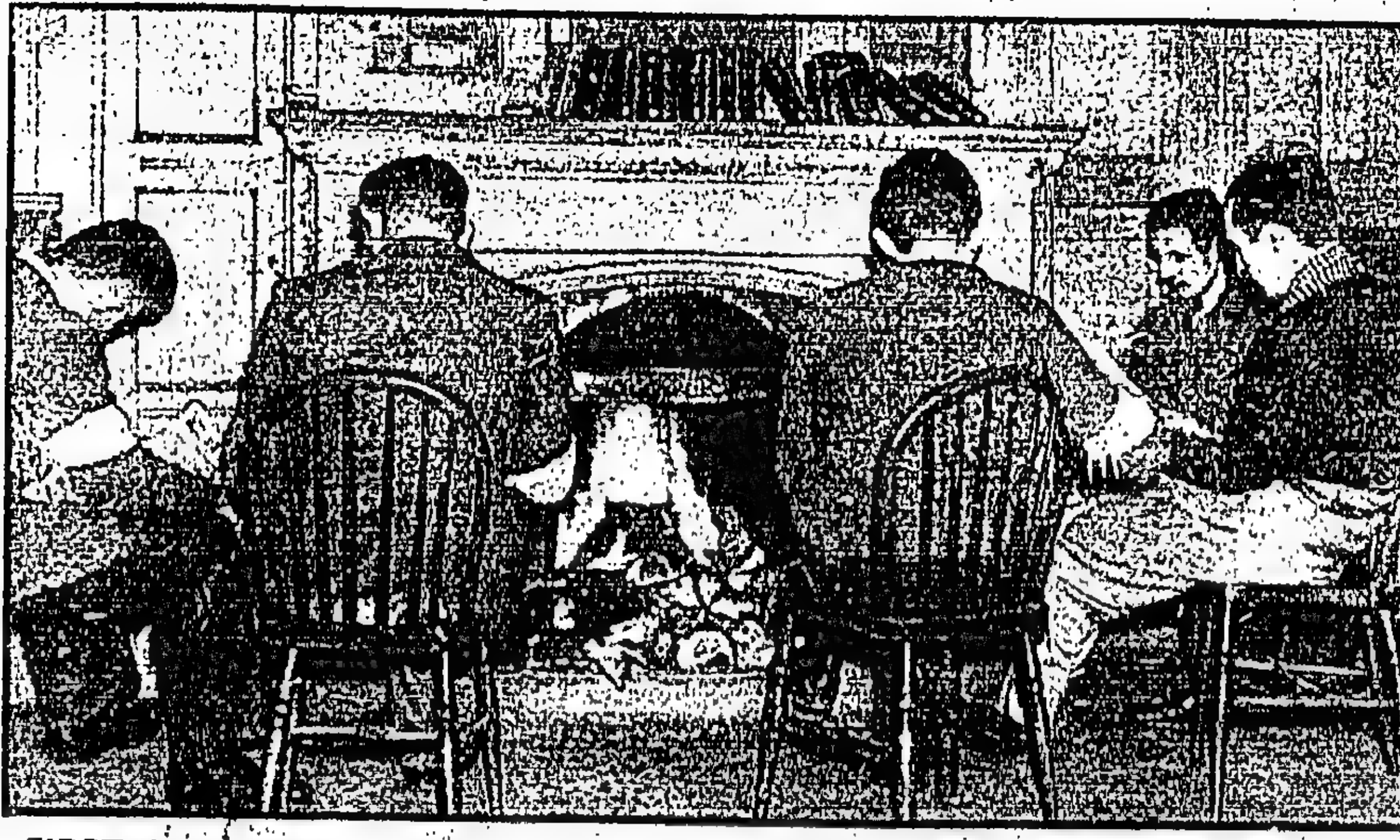
The year was noted for its vagaries of weather. A drought gave way to some extremely heavy rainfall which allowed the aggregate figures to move from well below average to well above it. Despite December's dryness, the aggregate rainfall for the year managed to exceed the average.

The freak typhoon in November helped to complete a year of unusual weather conditions.

336 Die In U.S. Holiday Toll

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (UP).—The weekend holiday deaths numbered 336, of which 191 were due to traffic accidents, 49 suicides, 15 by fire, and 87 from miscellaneous causes, including drownings, falls, exposures and other forms of violence.

California registered 37 deaths and Illinois 28. Each of these States registered 21 deaths due to traffic mishaps.



FIRST picture of German officer prisoners of war in the British camp which they have nick-named the "U-Boat Hotel." They are soon seated round a log-fire reading.



...cooking their meals and (below) being taught to darn their socks.



WESTERN FRONT

ALL QUIET ON WESTERN FRONT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Jan. 2 (UP).—The D.N.B. (Official German News Agency) to-day expanded the German High Command's official communiqué as follows:—

"It was generally quiet on the Western Front yesterday. Insignificant enemy air activity was noted over the Karlsruhe and Freiburg regions."

DICTATORS EXCHANGE GREETINGS

Kindred Aspirations
Emphasised

BERLIN, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Hitler and Mussolini exchanged New Year greetings, according to the official German News Agency.

Hitler telegraphed: "On the occasion of the New Year, I express my heartfelt congratulations to you, my friend, in sincere friendship. Under your strong and tried leadership, may Fascist Italy, allied to National Socialist Germany, succeed in fulfilling its national tasks."

Mussolini's Reply

Mussolini replied: "I reciprocate in the same brotherly cordiality the congratulations you have expressed to me at the turn of the year. I express the same wishes for Nationalist Socialist Germany as you have expressed."

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Nazis Claim To Have Sunk More Than 1,000,000 Tons Of Allied Shipping BUT REAL FACTS WILL BE FOUND BELOW

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The German boast that over a million tons of Allied and neutral shipping has been sunk is the usual exaggeration.

The average weekly loss of British tonnage in 16 weeks is 25,000. The average weekly increment by new construction and otherwise is 25,000.

True Figures

Total losses to the end of the year were as follows:

Seventeen Naval vessels, including eight warships, with a total displacement of 55,120 tons;

Nine chartered vessels, namely the

QUAKE HORROR

MANY ARE STILL BURIED —ALIVE!

City Dead Totals 90
Per Cent. Of Population

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ANKARA, Jan. 2 (UP).—The first rescue train, bearing a hundred injured people, arrived here to-day from Erzincan, bringing new tales of suffering and horror.

An officer of the garrison at Erzincan told "United Press" that it was estimated that 90 per cent. of the population of the city have perished.

"Most of the officers and men of the garrison lost their lives. Only those who were on sentry duty at the time of the earthquake escaped," he said. "I saw indescribable scenes of horror. A great number of people committed suicide after witnessing the deaths of all their relations."

Many Buried Alive

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ERZINCAN, Jan. 2 (UP).—Earthquake survivors are still living in the streets here.

One young man who came to seek his family collapsed when he heard that all nine had perished.

Many people are burying their relations with their own hands. There are still many bodies everywhere, arousing fears of epidemics. It is believed some are still alive under the ruins; four were saved to-day. They had been eating earth to keep alive.

KING VISITS HOME TROOPS

LONDON, Jan. 2 (British Wireless).—The King paid a visit to-day to the troops in the Southern Command where he was met by a parade of 4,000 men who greeted him with a burst of cheering.

After inspecting this centre and talking with many officers and men, His Majesty drove in a camouflaged car to a number of small villages in the area where units have been stationed. At each place, the King left the car and walked up and down the lines, and at one place, he walked over a mile along a road lined with enthusiastically cheering men.

At this point, His Majesty's only escort was a crowd of evacuated children who followed closely behind him. His Majesty's tour took him through two counties and occupied most of the day.

American Protest Lodged

British Censorship
Of Mails

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (UP).—The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, announces that the United States had vigorously protested to Great Britain against interference of American mails on the High Seas.

The American Embassy at London was instructed to enter the protest on December 22.

Mr. Hull cited specific instances in which British authorities had seized mail on board American and other neutral ships originating in the United States and addressed to Germany.

In addition there were "many individual instances of British censorship of American mails."

Mr. Hull added that the United States "readily admits the right of the British government to censor private mails originating in or destined to the United Kingdom or which normally pass through the United Kingdom for transmission to final destination," but "we cannot admit the right of the British authorities to interfere with American mails on board American or other neutral ships, nor the right of the British government to censor mail on ships which involuntarily entered British ports."

He concluded with the hope that the State Department would "receive early assurances" that interference with American mails has been discontinued.

LATEST

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Further Late News

HONGKONG ALARM

Naval Authorities
To Explain

Though intending to give a frank explanation, the Naval Authorities were not in a position this morning to state the exact nature of the alarm which motivated the precautionary closing of the Harbour for a short period yesterday afternoon.

From inquiries, however, it was ascertained that the rumour that a German submarine was in the vicinity was entirely without foundation. It is believed that the off-shore patrol simply considered it wise to give an alarm while it reassessed itself regarding the Colony's defences.

To-day everything is calm and Harbour shipping is normal.

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REDS ARE REPULSED

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almost completely paralysed operations.

The Russians show no inclination to make fresh attempts to advance into the Gulf of Bothnia down the great Arctic highway which is extensively mined by the Finns.

Finnish Successes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—HELSINKI, Jan. 2 (UP).—It is officially announced that the Finns successfully repulsed the Russians near Laitila, west of the northern point of Lake Ladoga after the Russian troops, supported by tanks, had launched a continuous attack all day Monday and part of Tuesday.

The Danish radio from Copenhagen states that the Russians launched an offensive on the Mannerheim Line after 36 hours artillery preparations, during which time the Reds smashed their troops and heavy material. The cannonading was audible at Viipuri.

To-day's official Finnish communiqué said that the Finns captured the Soviet post at Alttijoki, 15 kilometres east of Aglajavä, and then recaptured one of the Russian bases after brief and fierce fighting which lasted the entire day.

It also claimed that the Finns are still pursuing the fleeing Russians at Juntunranta, near Soumasalmi, and that they are mopping up the Koivisto forts.

Air activity is reported to be slight with the exception of the bombings of Uusikaupunki and Turku, where a few civilians were killed. The official communiqué claimed that seven Soviet planes were brought down.

ALL QUIET ON WESTERN FRONT

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sectors in the neighbourhood of the border.

"In the Moselle and Rhine sectors German planes undertook patrol duties. They did not contact the enemy."

"German reconnaissance planes over the Shetland and Orkney Islands completed information they have gathered in past observations."

"The British broadcast announced that during Christmas Day 200 British planes undertook patrol duty over the British mainland because, with minor exceptions, none was seen over the North Sea."

Normal Activity

PARIS, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The following communiqué was issued to-day:

"There was normal activity of contact units and some renewal of aviation activity."

PROPELLOR LOST

Copenhagen, Jan. 2.—The German steamer *Hohmann* Schultze, 8,000 tons, is drifting and it is feared has been wrecked, having sent a S.O.S. yesterday that she had lost a propeller in the archipelago north of Trondheim in the tortuous and dangerous rocky channels.

The Norwegian steamer *Drinking* Maud en route from Kirkenæs to

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(Under the auspices of The New Territories Agricultural Association) to be held at Fanling (near the Fanling Railway Station) on Saturday and Sunday, January 6th and 7th, 1940.

H. E. The Governor has graciously consented to open the Show at 2.30 p.m. on January 6th 1940.

Prizes will be distributed by J. Barrow, Esq., District Officer, Northern District at 2.30 p.m. on January 7th 1940.

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There will be a stall for the sale of vegetables grown by refugees under expert guidance, particularly in the matter of sanitation.

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FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child.

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—
The Hon. General Secretary, H.K.S.P.C., Old City Hall.
The Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor.
The Inspector, 15, Sir St. Vanchai.
The Inspector, 12, Sri Young Choi St., Kowloon.
The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

Message To Congress Roosevelt To Call For United U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).

—President Roosevelt's annual message to the opening of Congress to-morrow is expected to be devoted primarily to the need for stronger defences in view of world conditions.

It is believed that he may also ask for great national unity and less partisanship in order that America may present a united front in world peace efforts.

Major Congress Battle
No startling innovations in legislation are expected, but a major battle over continuance of the Administration's reciprocal trade programme, which is due to expire on July 12, while few, if any, alterations are contemplated in the Neutrality Act, unless special legislation regarding Japan is sought.

A THENIA HEROES

Awards For Brave Merchant Officers

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).

The Chief Officer of the *Athenia*, Barnett Mackenzie Copeland, is awarded the O.B.E. and Boat-swain William Harvey awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for their services when the liner was torpedoed by a submarine on September 4, 1939.

The official account states that Copeland was responsible for the loading and getting away of 26 boats of survivors, and the fact that this was done in darkness, without a light or loss, reflects great credit on his powers of organisation and command.

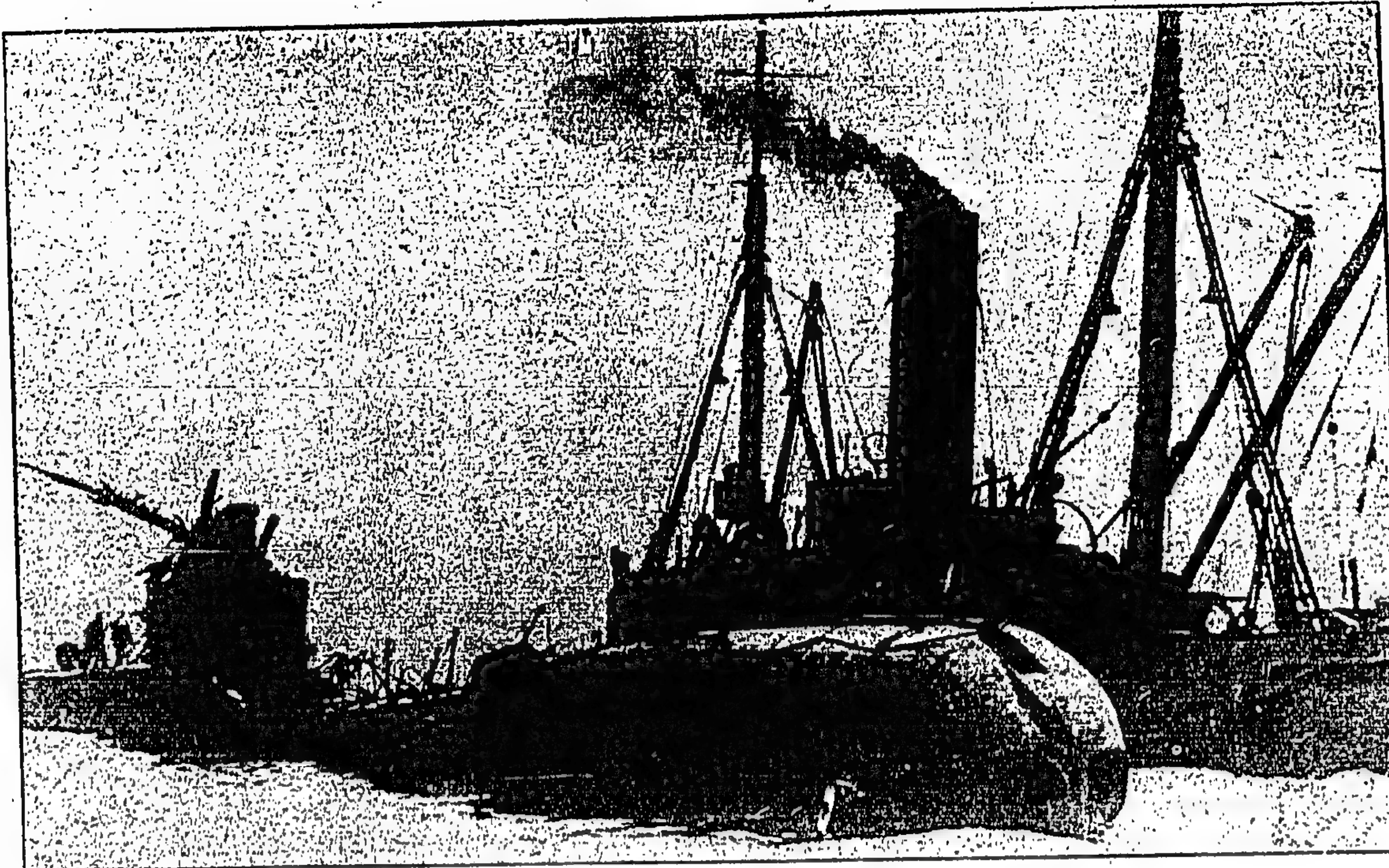
Return To Rescue Sick Woman

After being taken on board a warship, Copeland returned to the sinking liner to rescue an unconscious woman left in the sick bay.

Harvey showed outstanding coolness and efficiency, and accompanied Copeland returning to the *Athenia* to save the woman in the sick bay.

Trondheim picked up a crew of 28 and two Norwegian pilots and landed them at Norway.—United Press.

THE TRAGEDY THAT MOVED THE WORLD—IN PEACETIME



The submarine *Thetis*—raised recently off Anglesey. She was later beached. She had been under water since the tragedy of June 1 except for a brief appearance soon after the disaster—when the falling tide uncovered part of her stern. The bow torpedo valves are visible in the picture above. Through one of these the water entered the *Thetis*.

Hitler Aims To Smash The British Empire

BERLIN—Germany, an inspired announcement said to-day, "must liberate Europe from the unbearable yoke of British rule of might."

This proclamation of an offensive rather than a defensive war aim was the Reich's reply to British-French failure to accept mediation offers.

The statement recalled a remark made by a high-ranking German official to newsmen the week before Germany started its invasion of Poland.

"If England meddles in our affair with Poland," this official said then, "the price will be destruction of the British Empire."

For several weeks no statement of German war aims had been made as specific as that now given, foreign correspondents said. All German evening papers printed the declaration.

Previously, the most said was by Adolf Hitler in his Munich speech Nov. 9, when he declared "our aim is the security of our people and our living space in which we will not have anybody else meddle."

The press was unanimous in declaring that British world dominion must be destroyed.

Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung declared that England's "proclamation of our destruction as her war aim can, of course, be replied to only in kind."

The Belgian Attitude
A Belgian Foreign Office spokesman said that Germany's reply to the Belgian-Netherlands offer of mediation was received as "ending this phase of negotiations." He indicated Belgium at present contemplated no new move for peace.

Meanwhile, authorized sources said any general mediation offer by President Roosevelt at this time would be "uninteresting" so far as Germany is concerned.

France's injection of Austrian restitution into the issues at stake in the European conflict, these sources declared, shows conclusively the Allies regard all peace talks as futile.

However, should President Roosevelt ask both sides to disclose war

aims to him with a view to finding some common basis for mediation, Germany would be most likely to respond, these sources intimated.

The President has indicated no intention of taking either step—offering "general mediation" or asking the belligerents to outline their war aims to him.

France, in its reply last Sunday to a Belgian-Netherlands offer of mediation, demanded as a precondition that Germany repair "injustices which force has imposed on Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland."

Germany is seriously considering placing all shipments of lumber on the contraband list even if apparently destined for neutral ports, authorized sources said.

The reason for the lumber ban, these sources asserted, is Britain's attempt to prevent neutrals from shipping anything whatsoever to Germany regardless of whether it is contraband.

A campaign for tightening lumber regulations was started by the *Veelischer Beobachter*, official central organ of the Nazi Party.

The *Beobachter* declared many lumber-carrying freighters formerly plying between England and the Northern States now are headed to neutral ports, some even claiming the United States as their destination.

Although not equipped for trans-oceanic travel, authorized sources said that the *Beobachter* editorial was an official but that the Government has evidence proving the newspaper's argument.

In elaborating on the High Command communiqué, DNB, official news agency, said that for the first time in several weeks the region around Weissenburg was a target for enemy attacks. The enemy was reported as being more active in the Saarbrücken and Palatine Forest areas.

Lie Given To Nazi Gibes

New Demonstration Of British War Effort

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).

The Royal Proclamation notifying another 2,000,000 men of their liability to military service is generally welcomed.

The greatness of Britain's war effort is disposed to be dismissed as "uninteresting" so far as Germany is concerned.

Also the methodical calling-up over a considerable period indicates the British ability to utilise manpower to maximum advantage, both in industry and service, thus avoiding the waste and confusion so conspicuous in the last war, when acceptance of compulsory service was qualified by strong opposition and widespread misgivings even after 17

Dams Collapse: Over 700 Die

Appalling Aftermath Of Earthquake

ISTANBUL, Jan. 2 (Reuter).

Over 700 are estimated to have lost their lives when the torrents sweeping through the Kemal Pasha in Western Anatolia, where the dams gave way, destroyed 400 houses.

It is impossible to estimate the exact number of dead.

Floods continue to devastate large areas in Bursa and Parins, south of Istanbul.

Months of desperate campaigning. However, this time the scheme is approved in all sections of British opinion.

Nicola May Salvage His Lost Magician "Prop"

SINGAPORE, Jan. 2 (UP).—Nicola, the well-known American magician, is consulting the Admiralty and salvage experts regarding the possibility of recovering some of his magician's equipment which he lost when the British liner *Sirdhana* sank in a minefield off Singapore harbour.

Apart from financial considerations (Nicola's effects were not insured against war risks), some of the equipment lost concerned illusions which were the result of several years' work and which cannot easily be reproduced.

Nicola also lost a gold wand which was presented to him by a conference of 400 magicians at Peoria, Illinois.

Nicola says he is not superstitious like most theatrical folk, but he is not a little worried by the unlucky significance of the number 13 after the following experience:

1. He had 13 in his company, 10 Americans and three Australians, were on the *Sirdhana*.
2. The accident happened on the 13th month of his tour.
3. The *Sirdhana* sailed on Nov. 13. She left the wharves at 9.13 a.m.
4. Thirteen people lost their lives. A Chinese woman was killed in Cabin 13.
5. When Nicola came ashore he found 13 cents in his pocket. On his way to his hotel he paid the money to a ricksha coolie in advance and the coolie cut his foot on a piece of glass on the way.

All Nicola would say about these coincidences was that he would take care not to sail for America on January 13 and will make sure that 13 divers don't take part in the salvage work.

FATHER DISOWNED DAUGHTER IN ERROR

A FATHER who threatened to disown his daughter because he was misled by a series of startling coincidences will receive a letter from her saying that her name has been publicly cleared in Birmingham police court.

The daughter, Miss Flora Bie, a nurse living at Calthorpe Street, W.C., told a reporter of her father's anger after he had connected her with a person mentioned in the "spy ring" menaces and libel charges at Birmingham.

"Apparently," Miss Bie said, "my prosecuting counsel in the Mr. X case father had read an account of the Mr. X case at Birmingham."

"In that case a witness, Mrs. Muffet, known as 'Treasure' (since found gassed in a London flat), described meeting a certain Miss B. Miss B told 'Treasure' that she was a nurse, that her father was a master mariner, and that she had a brother also an officer in the merchant service."

Father's Mistake
"It so happens," Miss Bie explained, "that I am a State registered nurse."

"My father is captain of a merchant ship, and my brother is an officer in the merchant service."

"Furthermore, I worked at Cheltenham just over two years ago—and Cheltenham was mentioned in connection with 'Treasure'."

"My father arrived in England recently, read an account of the case and the reference to Miss B., and immediately assumed that I was the Miss B referred to."

"He wrote to my mother saying that I must be disowned and not allowed to return home. He said he wished to have nothing more to do with me."

"My mother was astonished, to say the least. She wrote to me and I went to the police."

"On their suggestion I wrote one Monday night to Mr. M. P. Pugh, the

DICTATORS EXCHANGE GREETINGS

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pressed to me for Fascist Italy, namely, that our united people may succeed in gaining their aims and securing their future."

Hitler also exchanged greetings with the King and Crown Prince of Italy, the Kings of Bulgaria, Rumania, Belgium, Denmark, Norway and Sweden, the Regents of Yugoslavia and Hungary, General Franco, the Shah of Iran, the King of Afghanistan, the Sultan of the Yemen, the King of Siam, Slovakia, the Czech state and ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

POST OFFICE

BROADCAST RECEIVING LICENCES.
Holders of licences are reminded that if it is desired to continue to retain possession of the apparatus after the date of expiration of the licence a renewal must be effected without delay.

New Licences will be available at the Government Radio Office, G.P.O. Building, First Floor, on ordinary business days, and will be issued against the receipt of a remittance of \$12.00, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., except on Saturdays when licences will be issued between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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(b) by messenger.
(c) by post.

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In the case of renewal the old licence should be returned with the application.

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OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 1 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 8 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date 27th Dec.

Jan. 3.
Australia and Manila Jan. 3.
Japan Jan. 3.
Java and Manila Jan. 3.
Shanghai Jan. 3.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 27th Dec.

Jan. 4.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 16th Dec.) Jan. 4.
Japan and Shanghai Jan. 4.
Shanghai Jan. 4.
Canton Jan. 5.
Calcutta and Straits Jan. 5.
Formosa and Swatow Jan. 5.
Shanghai Jan. 5.
Canton Jan. 5.
Rabat and Manila Jan. 6.
Shanghai Jan. 6.
Shanghai Jan. 6.
Shanghai and Swatow Jan. 6.
Straits and Saigon Jan. 6.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 16th Dec. 1939) Jan. 6.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 30th Dec.

Jan. 7.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th November) Jan. 7.
Haiphong Jan. 7.
Saigon Jan. 7.
Japan Jan. 8.
Shanghai Jan. 8.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 26th Dec. Jan. 8.
Straits Jan. 9.
Java and Manila Jan. 10.
Manila Jan. 10.
Tientsin Jan. 10.

OUTWARD MAILS

Wednesday, Jan. 3.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Suez and London Parcels—due London, 10th February.

G.P.O. & R.F.O.
Parcels Jan. 3, 11 a.m.
Reg. Jan. 3, 12.45 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 3, 1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard 1.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Rangoon 1.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin 2.30 p.m.
Haiphong 3 p.m.
Air Mail to Indo-China 3 p.m.
France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 11th January.

K.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 3, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 3, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 3, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 3, 7 p.m.
Straits 7.00 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 4.
Sandakan 8.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Manila 1 p.m.
Haiphong 2.30 p.m.
Amoy 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin 2.30 p.m.
Saigon, Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar, Lourenco Marques and South Africa via Durban 3.30 p.m.
Amoy 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 5.
Amoy 8.30 a.m.
Canton 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.

Saigon 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong 1 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Hothow 1.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 14th January.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 6, 5.40 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 6, 5.30 p.m.
Manila 7.00 p.m.

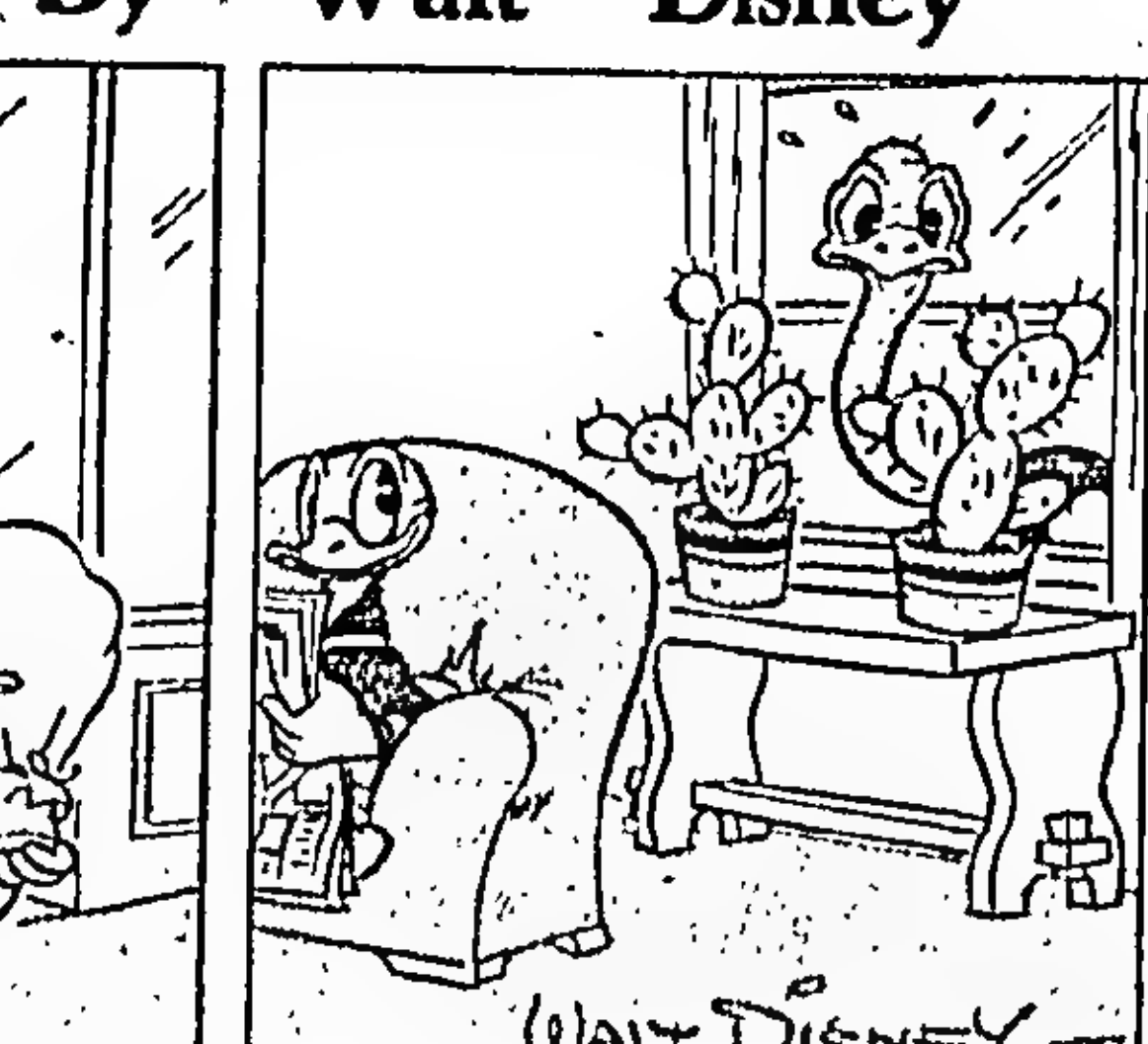
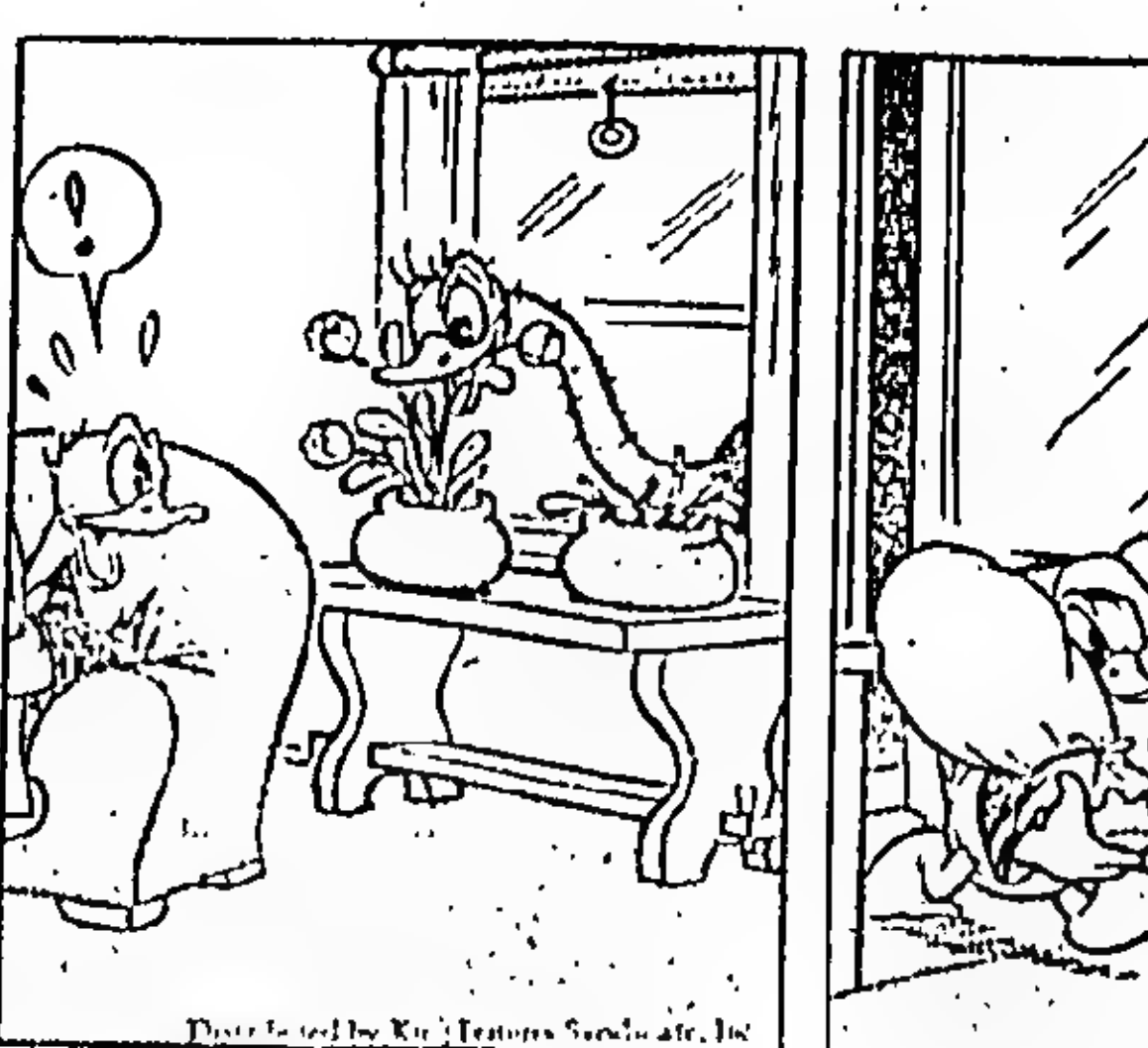
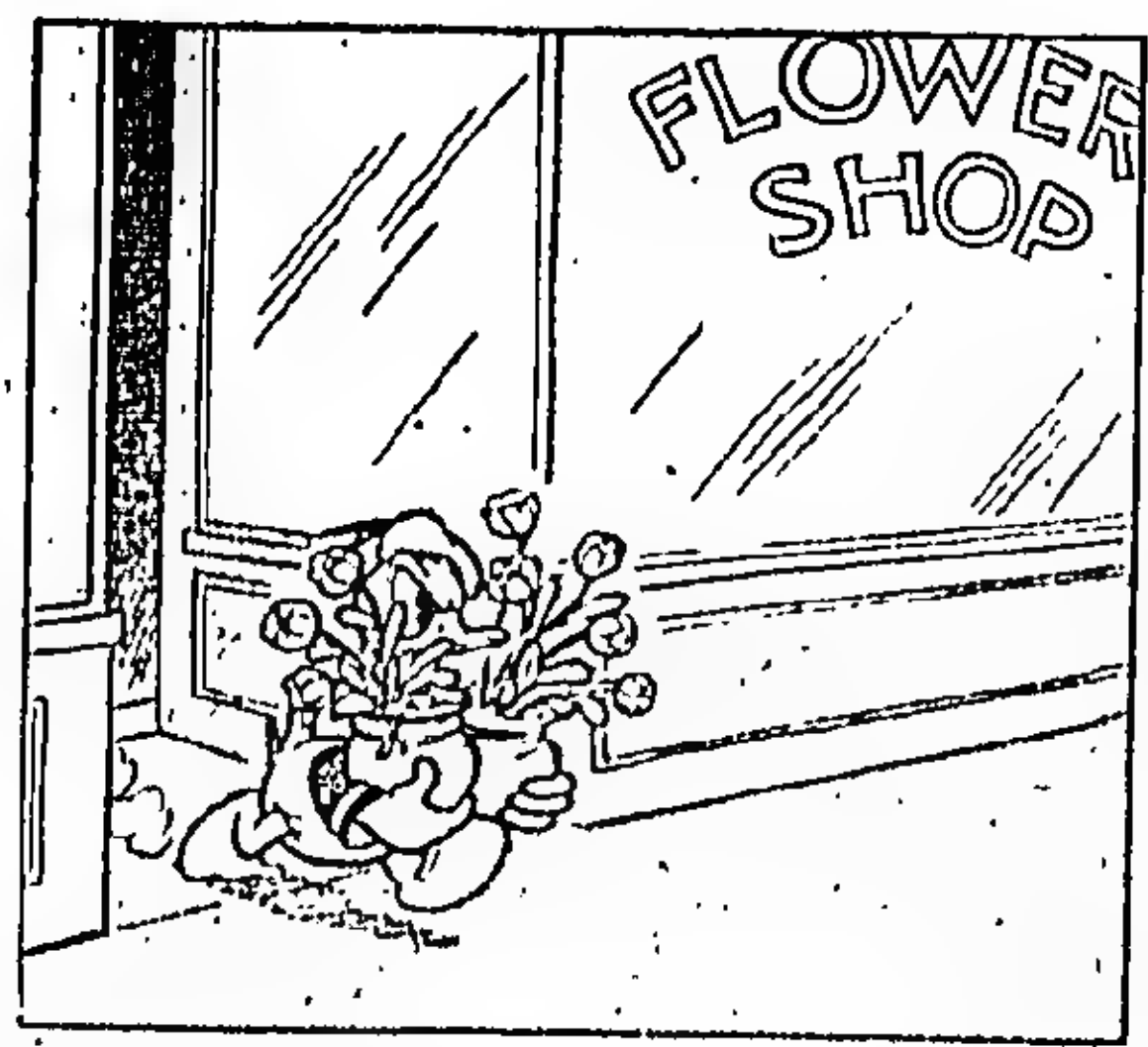
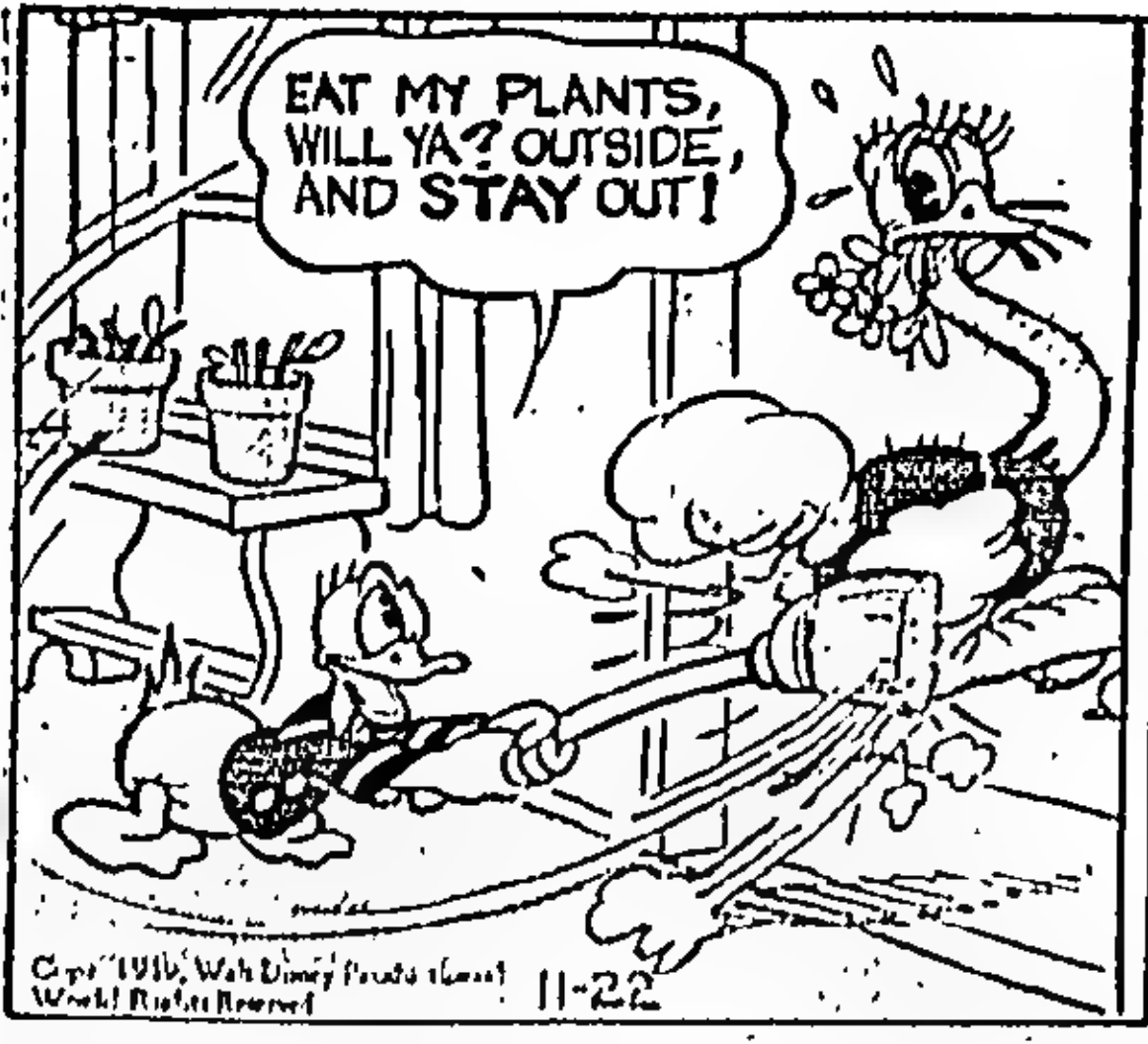
Sunday, Jan. 7.
Parcels only for Japan 9 a.m.
Parcels only for Shanghai 9 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan 9 a.m.
Touane and Saigon 9 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 8.
Canton 7.15 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 9.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 17th January.

K.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 9, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 9, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 9, 7 p.m.

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12.30 Mozart Piano Concerto in B Major, K. 595 (Piano) with Chamber Orchestra.

12.55 Mozart Sonata, 11 Have Vengeance (from The Marriage of Figaro), Alexander Krumpholtz (Bass), Elizabeth Huxford (Mezzo-Soprano).

1.00 Local Time Sign and Weather Report.

1.05 Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) and Benny Goodman and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with Charlie Kunz, Max Miller, Bob Hill, The Duncan Sisters and Robinson Cleaver.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 An hour of Dance Music.

6.58 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.00 London Relay—Musical Comedy in Miniature. Cities of Music: Venice.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Sign, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Variety Programme with Oliver Wakefield, George Formby, Gracie Fields, Eddie Albert, Some of These Days, Mousie Low, Sophie Tucker, Patsy Cline, Tuesday Through-out The Empire (A far-flung Relay), Max Kester and John de Grey, Trevelin, Harry Robbins with The Four Bright Sparks, Crazy Commentaries (Red Riding Hood v. The Wolf), Max Kester, By The Blue Hawaiian Waters, Reginald Foort, The Voice of Inexperience, Oliver Wakefield, The Vision of Full-San, Reginald Foort, My Young Man's Ever So Nice, Dennis, The Menace from Venice, Eddie Albert, George Formby Medley, Outside An Old Stage, Door, Old Father Thames, Gracie Fields, The Legionnaires, Sally The Circus Queen, Warner and Darnell, I'm Getting Sentimental Over You, Falling in Love With You, Andy Tennant and His Allstars.

8.05 Studio Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.20 Folk Music, Mutual Love, The Cornish Fellow, Folk Dance Band, conducted by Ronnie Munro, La Volta, Ayre Tower Hill, O You're Pretty (English jig), Butterflies Please (English Folk Song, Nancy Wain, Her Own Share (Irish Folk Tune), The Pipers' Guild Quartet, The Berkshire Tenors (English County Song), O Sad Ending, Oliver Cromwell (English County Song), Our Hill (Vocal), Scandinavian Dances, Folk Dance Orchestra.

9.45 Three Brahms' Songs by Elena Gerhardt (Mezzo-Soprano), Nachtigall, Ständchen, Feldensarkeit.

9.55 Brahms, Variations on a Theme by Paganini, Op. 35, Egon Petri (Piano).

10.15 Sibelius, Symphony No. 2 In D Major, Op. 43, Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.

Convoy Strategists Try To Elude Raiders And Submarines

HOW THE CONVOYS BEAT THE NAZI

This war opened with a field day for the German submarines. They were at sea prepared for action upon the declaration of war and by the middle of this week had sunk about 100,000 tons of Allied and neutral shipping. But even this considerable amount of tonnage was well below the average weekly harvest reaped by the U-boats in the early part of 1917 when unescorted sinkings of ships was being carried on.

The British immediately began placing their convoys in operation and this practice, together with other anti-ubmarine measures, seems to be obtaining the desired result, if reports concerning the decreased number of submarine successes can be relied on.

Convoys, merchant ships, is not a modern concept. The Roman convoys their grain ships, Venice, in the heyday of its maritime power, conveyed its ships, Spain's convoys to and from America as late as 1800 and Britain's convoys, as late as the time of Napoleon and during its trouble, with the United States.

However, conveying in other days was an entirely different proposition from today's method of handling the problem. Before the danger of sudden attack by submarines complicated matters, a convoy was a loose aggregation of ships that was accompanied by one or more men-of-war to guard it against raiders, and usually it was only necessary for a ship to remain in sight of an escorting vessel in order to be safe. Sometimes, however, a daring privateer, favoured by weather conditions, would be able to cut out a prize from under the very nose of an escort.

To-day's convoys must proceed in a close and regular formation so that it can manoeuvre and be screened by the escorts. The closer the formation the less the target presented for submarine attack and the fewer the number escorts required.

Broad Front for Convoys

The quintessence of conveying is to prevent a submarine from attaining a position from which it can successfully launch its torpedoes against selected targets. The most advantageous position for such an attack is somewhere fairly close on the bow of an oncoming ship, and the chances of making a hit rapidly decrease as the submarine draws away from the target. Its position has a broad front and a position.

For this reason, the convoys shallow depth. For instance, all the ships in a convoy of up to seven vessels would probably steam in a line abreast of each other. Larger convoys would be in a line of columns of ships, with rarely more than four or five ships in a column. If they are landy, well-drilled ships, accustomed to steaming in convoy, the assigned distance between ships in a column might be as little as 500 yards, with 800 yards between columns. With large or poorly drilled ships, these distances would have to be increased to 1,000 and 1,200 yards respectively.

The positions taken by the escorting ships depends entirely upon the number made available for duty and any special conditions that may exist.

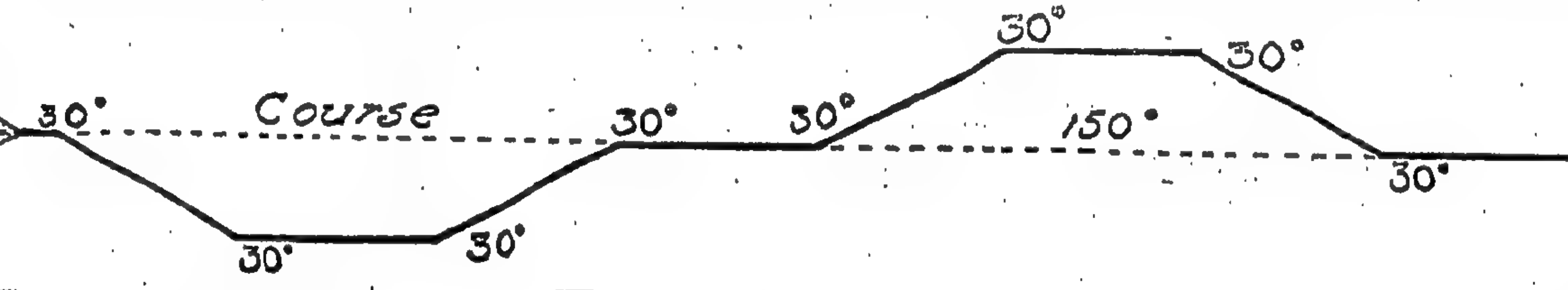
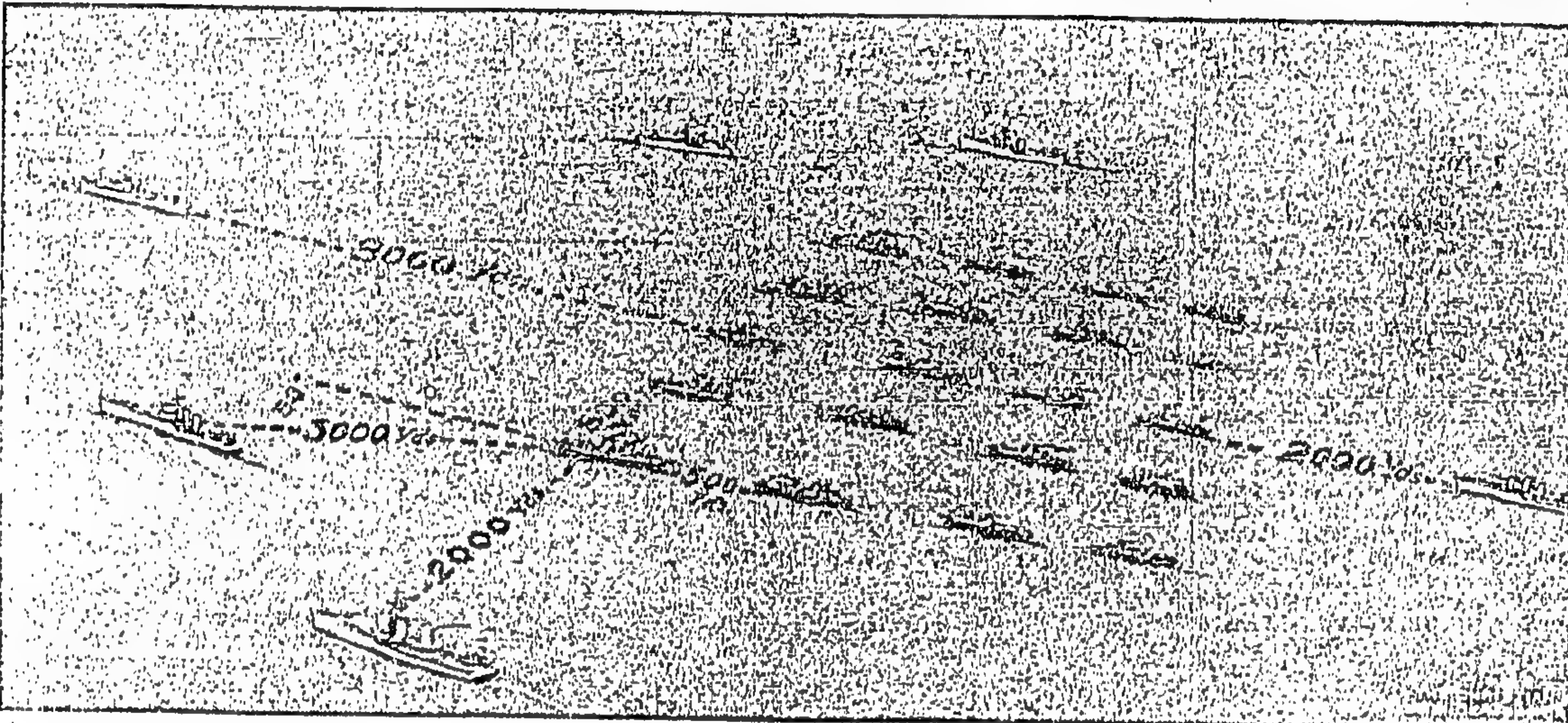
In general, they operate ahead of the convoy and on the bow and beam of the outboard columns. When possible, one of them trails the convoy to prevent a submarine following it and to ascertain its position. Merchant convoys, unaccompanied with-convoy duty, do not take kind to it. They have always been accustomed to steering steady courses along the routes to their destinations, and their natural inclination is to rise all other vessels wide berths at sea.

Nor is the merchant ship furnished with equipment such as the man-of-war has for signalling small changes of speed to the engine room, facilities for quickly determining the revolutions of the engines, and means for measuring distances. However, it does not take merchant captains long to learn the rarer and convoys soon manage to manoeuvre, zigzag, and get along at night without lights.

The zigzag is not a wild, rambling dash at will over the ocean, but on the contrary, is a carefully worked out, orderly method of altering the course by a definite amount at specified times. It is not a difficult procedure for a single ship, but with 20 to 40 ships of indifferent manoeuvring qualities and varying turning circles, steering in close formation, the proposition is an entirely different one.

Zigzagging Carefully Planned

A bad feature of even the best designed zigzag, is that the distance made good along the base course is never more than 70 per cent. of the distance steamed.



The purpose of the zigzag is to confuse a lurking submarine and prevent it reaching a firing position. There is, of course, the possibility that one of the changes of the ship's course will throw a waiting submarine into the desired position, but the advantages of the zigzag far outweigh this possibility.

Perhaps all the ships draw away rapidly. There may be an opportunity for a shot on the fly, but usually the chance has gone and there is nothing the submarine can do except to submerge and try to get away, because if it has been seen, a barrage of depth bombs will surely follow.

Zigzags are only used when in dangerous waters or when the presence of a submarine is suspected, and they are not used at night unless there is sufficient moonlight to make ships visible at a distance.

A submarine away miles away, but can itself be seen from a distance of only three or four miles. Once a ship is sighted and its approximate course is determined, the submarine proceeds toward the position where it can use its weapons.

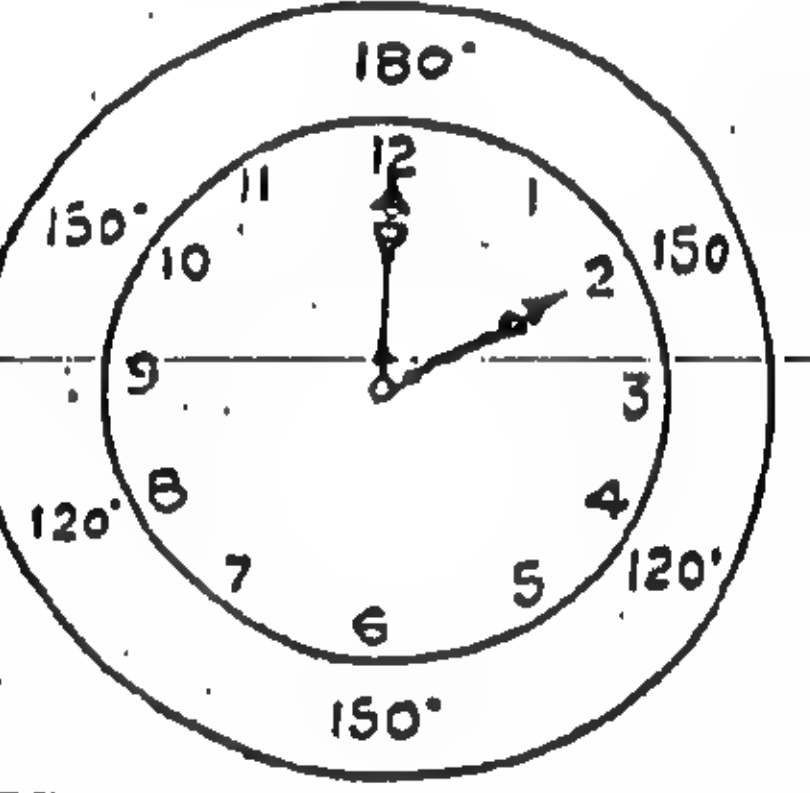
Speed Must Be Gauged

If the ship maintains a steady course, further observations by the submarine permit it accurately to determine what its course and speed should be to attain the desired position. But, if the ship suddenly changes its course, all the submarine's calculations are nullified, and usually it is unable to begin a new approach without coming to the surface and using full speed. With armed escorts present, this procedure is impossible and the convoy goes on its way in safety.

The escorting vessel or vessels in the van of a convoy make it impossible for a submarine which happens to be in a favourable position, to get more than occasional glimpses of its targets through the periscopes.

An accurate shot with a torpedo, unless fired within 300 yards requires that the course and speed of the target and the angle between the courses of the firing ship and the target, to be closely approximated. Even should a submarine have been so fortunate as to have obtained these data, it is very difficult to come up and find the entire convoy is off on another course.

For the same reason, a radical change of course is made just before dark, and the base course is not resumed until it will pass a considerable distance to one side of the prolongation of the original course. The same kind of change is made immediately preceding daylight, to elude a submarine which may have passed ahead during the night to assume a favourable position at dawn.



Planning The World Of To-Morrow

MR. W. ARNOLD-FORSTER, the writer and lecturer, told the Manchester Reform Club recently that, when peace terms came to be discussed, the case of France would have to be understood as well as that of Germany.

Mr. Arnold-Forster said he hoped Britain would support the restoration of a genuine Poland—confined to genuinely Polish people, not including White Russians, Ukrainians or Germans; a Poland with free access to the sea.

Russia, he said, had reverted to brutal, power policy because she had been denied British and French collaboration in preserving collective peace; but, if we showed faith, we might win Russia back to a loyal part in the community of nations.

For the races which had been Czechoslovakia, we would want freedom; no dictatorship of the Gestapo. Similarly, Sudeten Germans should be free to attach themselves to their own society. These States must have something like a federal association with their neighbours.

There could be no round-table negotiation which ruled out the Poles, the Czechs or the United States. All nations which could bring to that table, for the planning of the world of to-morrow, impartial judgment had a right to be there—to shape, not the terms of armistice, but the foundations of world peace. We must make distinction between terms of armistice—those things which we insisted upon—and the free conditions of discussion of those things we hoped to secure by equality of negotiation. The two points had been muddled.

Above: A standard "close convoy" is shown in perspective. Destroyers do not necessarily maintain a straight course but zigzag and cover considerable area to keep the water clear of submarines.

Centre: A typical zigzag course which, for simplicity, is shown with equal shifts of course, each of which is followed for an equal period of time.

Below: During the World War a favourite device for following zigzag course was to mark the various courses on a cardboard disk fitted to the face of a clock, so they coincided with the times when they were to be made. When the minute hand reached the now course, the wheel went over to put the change into effect. All changes are made on time alone and no signals are required other than the initial order placing a zigzag in effect. The "clock" shows the variations for the zigzag shown in the centre, assuming that the initial course is 150 degrees.

Germans Dare Not Stop Russians who Whisper

AMSTERDAM—Germans crossing the frontier into Holland to-day say that the Nazis are growing more and more anxious about the way the German Communists are coming out in the open.

Under the shelter of the arm of Stalin Communists are making whispering propaganda. Even soldiers in barracks are stated to talk openly of Communist ideas. Several reports have been sent from garrison commanders, particularly in the Czechoslovak areas, complaining of the growth of this feeling.

The Nazis are somewhat bewildered because no one, even those high up in the Nazi Party, knows just now what the official attitude towards Communism is. They fear that if they come down hard on the talkers they may be punished themselves for taking an attitude too unfriendly towards Russia.

The Communists are adopting the policy of praising Russia while saying little actually of Communism. They praise the Russian pact warmly, point out that the Soviet is the one power which is standing by the Germans, argue that Germany is after all, almost Socialist.

GERMANS IN TYROL

London, Jan. 2.

The last batch of the Germans living in Tyrol left by midnight on December 31 and were met at the frontier by Gestapo agents, who escorted them to Austria, according to the Rome correspondent of the Daily Express.

Over 50,000 preferred to become Italian citizens, while 10,000 elected to return to Germany under Nazi promises that they will be provided for.—Reuter Special.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 3, 1890.
Nobody would think to go through Shaukiwan village what a nest of pirates it is.

The remains of the late Robert Browning are being brought to England for interment in Westminster Abbey.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 3, 1915.
His Holiness the Pope has telegraphed to the Kaiser, appealing to his feelings of Christian charity to terminate a disastrous year and begin the new year with an act of imperial generosity by accepting the proposal for an exchange of prisoners, who are unfit for military service, between the belligerents. The Kaiser, replying, assured the Pope that the proposal finds his full sympathy. He says:—The feelings of Christian charity which inspired this proposal correspond thoroughly with my own conviction and desires.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 3, 1930.
M. Bart, a French aviator experiment-ing with speed machines, today covered the 256 miles from Graydon Aerodrome to Le Bourget Field in 88 minutes. He was flying a Golden Ray plane, and averaged approximately 160 miles an hour. This is a record.

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 3, 1935.
The trial of Bruno Hauptmann, charged with the kidnapping and murder of the infant son of Colonel and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh, opened to-day.

NAVAL WEDDING

Looking extremely attractive in a pretty dark dress with hat to match, Miss Elizabeth Mary Kathleen Weeks, of Shanghai, entered St. John's Cathedral yesterday evening to be married to Surg. Lt. Joseph Francis Meynell, R.N.

Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell gave the bride away and the best man was Surg. Lt. W. Forrest. Following the wedding many friends of the bride and groom attended a reception held on the groom's ship.

Surg. Lt. Meynell is the son of the late Dr. Meynell and Mrs. Meynell of Manchester, England, and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weeks of Shanghai.

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New China Regime Will Not End The War

Tokyo, Jan. 2.

Declaring the prospects of a settlement of the China Affair are still remote, the War Minister, General Shunroku Hata, in his New Year message calls upon the people to effect close co-operation in the attainment of the objective of the "sacred campaign aimed at the establishment of a new order in East Asia."

A complete settlement of the China Affair is not an easy task. A new Central Government will come into existence in China, should it not end the current emergency.

War Minister Hata warns the people against any feeling of relaxation which will affect the combined power and strength of the nation.

"The situation in Europe and other parts of the world is becoming increasingly complicated and it is necessary for the Japanese nation to make all possible preparations for meeting the prospective developments of the present situation on the one hand and fulfil their duties in the settlement of the China Affair on the other in the face of all threatened contingencies."—Domei.



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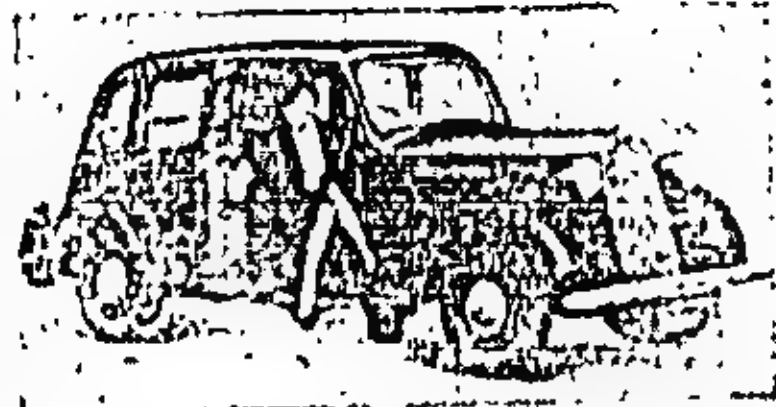
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Paying For War

During the past two years Germany has put so large a proportion of its national income into war production that it was able to start hostilities with the maximum of mechanised force. It appears that Germany has left little margin for increasing this production without depriving the nation of the bare necessities of life. The time has come when Britain, too, is swinging over from a high peace production to full war production, and its inherent strength is now manifesting itself.

Britain has large capital resources and sound currency, and its external trade, unlike Germany's, will continue in all parts of the world. Britain, like Germany, has to face costs of production which for most kinds of armaments are far greater than in the World War. Some of the modern types of air-plane cost ten times as much as was needed to produce a similar type in 1918. It takes twice as much to equip modern divisions of the army as to equip the less highly mechanised divisions in the last war. For the colossal expenditure now required Britain must be prepared to use its great resources till it, too, reaches a maximum of production. So far as factories and man-power are available, there is no estimable limit to the expenditures which Britain will incur.

This does not mean that Britain has a bottomless purse. The nation cannot devote an ever-increasing part of its energy and its money to war production without decreasing the proportion devoted to other purposes. That is to say, the nation must pay for the war. It must sacrifice other things to feed the war monster. Its citizens must spend less on their daily living in order that the machine may consume more. Parliament and people recognised this when Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, went to the House of Commons with taxation demands the like of which had never before been contemplated.

By accepting this sacrifice, the British agreed to reduce the burden of debt on posterity, and in so doing to avoid the risk of present inflation and mounting prices. It was a bold thing to do to put so heavy a burden on an already burdened people. But in modern warfare the sacrifice must be universal. This fact as well as increased costs is sure to engender some support for peace—whenever a sound and just peace can be made.



THE BORE

Hitler: "And I meant him to stay only a little while!"

Men Behind the Siegfried Line

Pen pictures of Hitler's military leaders on the Western Front, now the main war theatre and liable any day to blaze up into violent activity

BY WILLI FRISCHAUER

NOMINAL leader of the German Army in the West is the shyest of all the German generals—WILHELM VON KEITEL, subordinate only to Hitler, who has himself assumed supreme command.

Keitel's recent career is more suggestive of a military clerk than a soldier or strategist. He has worked in the German War Ministry for many years and is now 57. During the war of 1914-18, he commanded an artillery regiment for a short time, but afterwards he was a staff officer. He was given his supreme position following the army purge in February, 1938. Hitler then dismissed every Reichswehr general who held ideas of his own. Keitel was not among them.

REAL position of Commander-in-Chief is held by a Prussian officer—WALTER VON BRAUCHITSCH. Recent events have proved Brauchitsch to be one of the Reichswehr generals of the Ludendorff type. He holds strong political

views and is extremely nationalistic, but not necessarily a hundred per cent. Nazi. Like Ludendorff, he has achieved success in the East and turns now with increased ambitions to the West.

Brauchitsch is assisted by the least significant of all German generals—Artillery—General FRANZ HALDER, his deputy. Halder has nothing better to say of him than that he "expressed the Reichswehr's respects to Ludendorff on his seventieth birthday."

The others are the men who really conduct the war. One of them, General VON RUNDSTEDT, is 63; and is Hitler's specialist for occupations. As military commander of Ber-

lin he was for a short time military dictator of Prussia. His activity was then chiefly directed against Nazis and Communists. Since then he has made it up with Hitler. He marched into the Sudetenland at the head of the German troops last year, and led the advanced guard of the German troops against Poland.

He is bald-headed, thin-lipped, energetic, ruthless and harsh.

It is predicted that General WALTER VON REICHENAU will lead the spearhead of the German attack in the West.

Reichenau is perhaps the only full-blooded Nazi among the German generals. An artillery officer and a sportsman, he was in command of the Munich and Leipzig garrisons under Hitler. He

would have been Hitler's choice as C-in-C. had not the army expressed resentment at the possibility of a party man assuming command.

Another German general expected to play a big part in the West is GUENTER VON KLUGE, communications expert of the German Reichswehr.

Wounded in the Battle of Verdun, he has a family tradition of experience in war against France. His father was Kluck's chief assistant in the last war.

Guenter von Kluge has devoted his life to the study of anti-French strategy. Hitler recognised his ambition, and allowed him to lead the German troops which occupied the Rhineland. Now Kluge wants to march into France!

FOUR other generals will be found on the Western Front. One is VON BOCK, formerly attached to the German Crown Prince's staff. He was highly decorated, and was given important commands after the last war. He led the German troops into Austria in March, 1938.

Another is General VON BLASKOWITZ, "invader" of Czechoslovakia. Blaskowitz, however, is a devoted defender of the Reichswehr traditions.

General LIST commands the German troops along the Swiss frontier. He is a Bavarian and a Nazi, but his military record is insignificant. Five years ago nobody had ever heard of him, even in Germany. Now he is one of Hitler's favourites.

Finally we come to GEORG VON KUECHLER, who is rather a military professor than a strategist. He is responsible for the training of the troops, and only Hitler's lack of generals loyal to his regime has induced him to give Kuechler a command.

He is 50, a man of little personality.

THE German air force in the West is led by the Flight-Generals LOEBL, KESSELING and JESCHONEK. Loebel is an Austrian, one of the illegal Nazis who betrayed their country to Hitler. Kesseling is a Bavarian, and close personal friend of his chief, Goering.

Jeschonek is only forty and his chief qualification for the big job is his ardent Nazi faith and his personal bravery as a flyer.

Soviet Open First Cocktail Hall

MOSCOW, Dec. 4. The Soviet authorities formally opened their first so-called "cocktail hall" last night. Thirty varieties were tasted by official guests in the State-operated bar in a street named after Maxim Gorki. The Soviet Press claims that the bar is decorated in the highest possible taste. Soviet alcohol on general sale to the public is usually less than a year old. It is therefore apt to be "shattering," especially when mixed even in less than 30 varieties.

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CLIPPED WINGS

by John Heygate

FOR the first few weeks the two young evacuees clung to their mother's skirts. The country was strange and cold to them.

They missed the life of the streets, and the life of the farm was a very poor substitute. Besides, there was no ice-cream man!

They seriously thought of running away to London.

In the third week they showed a little more interest. They still looked down on the plodding drudgeries of the farmer and wondered how he could possibly go on doing such dull tasks. But they condescended to ask questions.

Ernie, the boy, the older, asked: "What do you call those misters?"

"Why's one got colours on his back and the other's plain brown?" asked Ernie's sister, being shut up instantly by her brother who remembered having seen a pair of them in a London park. "Why don't they fly away, Mr. Farmer?" he asked instead.

"Because their wings is clipped," said the farmer, and moved away, followed by the two children, now showing decided signs of interest.

Next day the children were up early, watching the farmer feed his two ducks.

"Don't they get tired of swimming round the same bit of water all day?" asked Ernie. "It ain't a 'bit of water' to them," replied the farmer. "And why should they? One place is as good as another."



when it's your home." Which was too much for Ernie and his sister, who retired, baffled.

But in the evening they were back in time for feeding. It was the girl's turn: "What happens when their wings grow? Don't they fly away, Mr. Farmer?"

"Maybe they do. But they don't go far. And they come back."

"Why?"

The farmer looked at the two children. He scratched his head. "I dunno," he said. "But I reckon if you were to get your meals three times a day regular in the same place—good sound country grub; none of your ice-creams and stuff—I reckon you wouldn't fly far neither."

The farmer was right.

There's no need to clip those children's wings any more. They've already taken over the duck-feeding, and that farm to them is beginning to seem as large a home as the pond to the ducks!

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Harbour Closed For A While

Following an alarm by off-shore patrols, Hongkong harbour was closed yesterday to shipping. A communique from the Department of Information stated:

"The Naval authorities state that the port of Hongkong was closed this morning as part of the necessary defence precautions of the Colony in time of war. This step was taken as the result of an alarm being given by the off-shore patrols. The cause of this alarm is being investigated by the Navy."

When news of the closure spread round the city, many rumours began circulating, some stating that enemy warships had been seen in the vicinity. It is understood that these rumours have no basis.

The closure did not affect ocean-going shipping to a great extent as the harbour was singularly quiet, only one overseas liner being at Kowloon.

NAZIS' BIG FOOD PROBLEMS

Shortage Of Fat Becomes Acute

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—A comprehensive review of Germany's food problems is given in the "Nieuw Rotterdamse" from Berlin in which the writer assesses the German self-sufficiency of foodstuffs as between 70 and 80 per cent. except fats which is 50 per cent. The deficiency is normally made up by imports.

Sufficient stocks were accumulated in the last 12 or 18 months. Nevertheless the fat problem is at a critical point.

Desperate Efforts

Desperate efforts are being made to produce fats from coal and beet. These are only usable for technical purposes with the view to releasing edible fats for human consumption. The possibilities of grapestones, beechnuts and horse chestnuts are being explored.

The meat situation appears very difficult. Rationing is most severe and the effects of foot and mouth disease are being felt.

By the importation of fodder from Russia, it is hoped to increase the number of pigs in Germany.

Sea fishing is reduced to a minimum.

Grain Situation Good

The situation regarding leguminous plants, like peas, is very unsatisfactory. The total crop in Germany proper last year produced only 624,000 tons.

In addition, the canning industry is suffering from a shortage of tin for cans.

The Polish territories were expected to help to make up the general deficit, particularly grain, meat and eggs, but little butter can be hoped for Poland.

The grain situation is generally good and the position regarding potatoes is also not unsatisfactory as only 25 per cent. of the total crop is needed for human consumption, though this percentage is expected to increase considerably on account of the shortage of other commodities. Therefore, a special reserve of 2,000,000 tons is being laid aside.

Huge Mineral Wealth

Canada's New Record In Production

LONDON, Jan. 2 (British Wire- less).—The value of mineral production in Canada in 1939 is estimated at \$470,179,000—an all-time high record, representing a six per cent. increase over the preceding year and three per cent. over 1937 when the previous highest was reached.

Now output records are reported for antimony, gold, copper, zinc, nickel, cadmium, crude petroleum, natural gas, gypsum, sulphur, and lime.

Several new gold mines reached production stage and the gold productive field was widened.

Increase In Iron Ore

Iron ore was produced on a commercial scale for the first time in 10 years at Michipicoten, and this was perhaps the most significant development of the year in the Canadian mining industry.

A considerable amount of prospecting and development work was carried out in the north and west which have not, as yet, been produced to any great extent in Canada but which are important for war purposes. These metals include molybdenum, manganese, mercury and tungsten.

It is also reported that several new oil-wells were brought into production in Alberta.

FINNS CLAIM FURTHER SUCCESSES IN THE NEW YEAR

The Finns continue their successful resistance to Soviet aggression and latest reports claim that Petsamo has been recaptured, although the Reds still hold positions to the south of the town. The Russians have been repulsed in their attacks on the Mannerheim Line notwithstanding a series of violent attacks by numerous reinforcements from Siberia and Caucasus.

Helsinki, Jan. 2. Following the rout of Soviet troops in Finland's "waist," the Finns now claim to have repulsed the Russian attacks on the Mannerheim Line.

A communique says the Russians, strengthened by numerous reinforcements from Siberia and the Caucasus, launched a series of violent attacks along the 40 mile front between Lake Ladoga and the Leningrad-Viborg railway, but all the attacks, which were preceded by a heavy artillery barrage, were repulsed.—Reuter.

Soviet Prisoners

Paris, Jan. 2. The Soviet commissars taken prisoners by the Finns are proving most difficult. Some have been shot for attempting to hide arms and continue their work of agitation, according to a Havas correspondent after a visit to the front north of Lake Ladoga.—Reuter.

Russians Encircled

Copenhagen, Jan. 2. Press reports say 16,000 Russian troops have been cut off by the Finns on the Salla front in a battle which may equal in importance the New Year's Day Suomussalmi front victory.

It is stated the Finns are tightening their encirclement and preventing the Russians from flight by shooting small detachments making efforts to escape to Russian territory.—United Press.

New Year Activity

Viborg, Jan. 2. Heavy batteries of Finnish artillery hurled the New Year on the Karelian Isthmus with 24 salvoes. These brought a furious response from Russian guns, which blazed away for nine hours, firing 40 or 50 shells a minute. They did negligible damage.

The eight-inch Russian guns fired three shells into Viborg but only wrecked a football pitch.—Reuter.

Soviet Mass Attacks

Helsinki, Jan. 2. The fierce Russian attacks yesterday on the Mannerheim Line are expected to develop to-day and rise in intensity.

Artillery preparations of more than ordinary violence have been pounding the Finnish positions for 36 hours. The Russians tried to rush the defences with masses of men and material, at several vital spots.

The reorganised Russian army under General Stern is believed to number at least 200,000 men in this sector. It is reported that a further 50,000 are expected from Leningrad.

The Finns are supposed to have one-third of their total army of 300,000 in the Isthmus.

Behind the Mannerheim Line the Finns are understood to be hastily completing two subsidiary defence systems designed to prevent the enemy breaking through.—Reuter.

Frozen Russians Found

Copenhagen, Jan. 2. Reindeer hunters at Esar on the northern Finnish side are reported to have stated they found great numbers of Russian soldiers frozen to death on the Finnish side of the frontier.—United Press.

Report Persists

Copenhagen, Jan. 2. Stockholm has received unconfirmed news from Finland that the Finns have retaken Petsamo, with several thousand prisoners and much war material.

The report says that the Finns in this area have been very successful with land mines.

Similar unconfirmed Scandinavian reports have persisted in the past few days, but nothing has been received in Helsinki or Svanvik to indicate there is any truth in the report that

ANGLO-DANISH TRADE TALKS

LONDON, Jan. 2 (British Wire- less).—Prince Axel of Denmark and Mr. Mohr, leaders of the Danish delegation, returned to London to-day to resume the Anglo-Danish trade negotiations which were adjourned over the Christmas holidays.

The rest of the Danish delegation is expected to arrive in London at the end of the week.

BRITAIN DECLARES WAR—ON BOREDOM

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—A great step forward in the "war against boredom," which has been waging while active operations are delayed, has been taken by the decision of the military authorities that various social welfare organisations, such as the Salvation Army, Y.M.C.A., Church and Army may now go ahead with plans to provide canteens and social centres for the troops in the British Zone, says "Reuter's special correspondent with the B.E.F. in France."

The Organising Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., interviewed, outlined the plans to establish centres comprising recreation rooms, reading and writing rooms, concert halls and canteens staffed by several hundred Y.M.C.A. workers, while a fleet of 50 large vans fitted as travelling tea-shops and libraries have combined to visit isolated posts and units.

Colonel Booth, Deputy Leader of the Salvation Army in the British Zone, said that there will be Salvation

Army centres in 24 towns, of which 12 will have sleeping accommodation for troops stranded in passing through, while six mobile canteens are coming from England next week.

The Salvation Army also wants to provide ambulances for the men on active service not only in the British Zone, but also in the French armies. Colonel Davey added that the French military authorities have asked the Salvation Army to organise 800 canteens and recreation rooms behind the Maginot Line. The French will provide the building while the Salvation Army will furnish the personnel.

S. A. Rallies To Allied Cause

Volunteers Rushing To The Colours

LONDON, Jan. 2 (British Wire- less).—A survey of the military preparations in South Africa, made officially in the Union, states that the Union's new Citizen Army is making remarkable progress.

Reports from town and country in all quarters of South Africa reflect the enthusiasm with which the volunteers are coming forward.

A single example is the 10th Battalion, which had risen from a peace-time strength of 400 to a war-time strength of over 900, and the formation of another battalion of this regiment is in progress.

Cordial Co-Operation

New units are also being formed in such typically rural districts as Messing, Durrheim and Verelising. A spirit of cordial co-operation dominates all activities the survey continues, and any sectional differences have been set aside.

Everywhere the fact is appreciated that all are South Africans and complete unity is expressed in the common cause. The survey points out that the lie is given to Nazi propagandist insinuations that discrimination against Afrikaans-speaking members of the defence force obtains, by the fact that by far the larger number of senior officers permanently serving in South Africa's army are men bearing Afrikaans names, and they, like the officers bearing English names, are bilingual.

Natives Want To Help

The anxiety of native peoples to participate in the defence of South Africa was expressed at a recent meeting in Pretoria of the Native Representative Council, the most important organ of native opinion in the Union. During the meeting, one delegate summed up the position as follows: "Since war broke out, every African organisation that has held meeting has expressed its unswerving devotion to the King and to His Government in the Union. An account has recently appeared in the Press of how the native employees of a big concern in Transvaal have started a fund to buy a warship for Britain, and this, I am convinced, is typical of what the native people throughout the Union are feeling."

Reds Seek Instructors

Soviets Have Learnt From Nazis Before

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—If Stalin receives technical reinforcements from Germany to help him in the war in Finland, it will not be the first time that the Red Army has been stiffened with German military instructors, says "Reuter's" military correspondent.

Influenced 1937 Purge

"In the pre-Hitler decade, thousands of German professional officers and non-commissioned officers were employed with the Soviet armies, but Hitler recalled them when he rose to power."

"The 'purge' of 1937, when Stalin removed or executed many of his own officers arose directly from the influence exercised on their outlook by German training."

STOCK EXCHANGE ACTIVITY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange, the week-end accumulation of buying orders caused an early brisk activity, which, however, was not maintained, though prices held the initial gains.

Glittering securities and home industrials were particularly prominent on a good investment demand from the provinces.

Of the commodities, shellac was firm and there was a good trade in demand for cotton in Liverpool.

American futures closed with the permissible advance of 25 points on general buying.

Wall Street was steady.

174 Ships Took The B.E.F. To France

LONDON, Jan. 2 (British Wire- less).—In an article appearing in the weekly "Journal," "Shipping," Sir John Gilmour, Minister of Shipping, reveals that the British Expeditionary Force was conveyed to France in 174 ships making a total of over 400 voyages.

Ice-Floes Choke The Danube

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Owing to ice-floes blocking the Danube, the Rumanian authorities have suspended all navigation permits.

German Labour Called For

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of the "Politiken" says: Stalin has asked Germany for 200,000 technicians, engineers and experts to reorganise Russian economic life, especially the transport system.

The correspondent says Russia will not be able to continue the campaign against Finland unless a relay of skilled men arrives immediately.

All the German experts who go to Russia will be given an entirely free hand and he under Stalin's personal protection. It is said they will receive good salaries.

The correspondent adds that the continuance of Russo-German collaboration depends on the immediate despatch of this manpower.

The only question is whether Germany can spare such a big number of skilled men.

H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks, \$.....1,380 n.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £81½ n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £84 n.
Chartered, £.....8½ n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £.....29½ n.
Mercantile, C. £.....11½ n.
East Asia, £.....70 n.

INSURANCES

Canton, \$.....205 n.
Union, \$.....425 n.
China Underwriter, \$.....1½ n.
H.K. Fire, \$.....185 n.

SHIPPING

Douglases, \$.....72 b.
Steamboats, \$.....11 n.
Indo-China P. & S., \$.....100 b.
Indo-China S. S., \$.....80 b.
Shell (Bearers) s/-.....81½ n.
Waterboats, \$.....7½ n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves, \$.....101 n.
Docks, \$.....2040 b. & sa.
Providents, \$.....450 b. & sa.
New Eng. Sh., \$.....1080 n.
Sh. Docks Sh., \$.....214 n.

MINING

Kallan s/-.....17½ n.
Rauhs, \$.....10.10 n.
Venz. Gold, \$.....4 n.
H.K. Mines, \$.....4 cts. n.

LANDS

Hotels, \$.....5 b.
Lands, \$.....32½ b.
Lands 4% Deb., \$.....100 n.
Shai Lands Sh., \$.....12½ n.
Humphreys, \$.....8.00 n.
H.K. Realities, \$.....4.30 b.
Chinese Estates, \$.....101 n.

UTILITIES

Trams, \$.....17.25 s.
Peak Trams (old), \$.....8 n.
Peak Trams (new), \$.....4 n.
Star Ferries, \$.....68½ b.
Y. Ferries, \$.....23½ b.
China Lights (old), \$.....7.50 b.
China Lights (new), \$.....4.80 b.
H.K. Electric, \$.....59.50 n.
Macao Electric, \$.....18½ n.
Sandakan Lights, \$.....11.10 b.
Telephones (old), \$.....24½ b.
Telephones (new), \$.....9.10 b.
Traction s/-.....18½ n.
Traction (Pre.), \$.....18½ n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald. Macg. (Ord.) Sh., \$.....14.00 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pre.), Sh., \$.....13 n.
Canton Tees, \$.....1 n.
Cements, \$.....18.00 n.
H.K. Ropes, \$.....6 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms (old), \$.....21½ b.
Dairy Farms (new), \$.....21½ b.
Watsons, \$.....0.40 s.
Lane, Crawford, \$.....7½ n.
Sinceres, \$.....1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$.....41 n.
Powell, Ltd., \$.....1 n.

WING ON MILLS

Ewo Sh., \$.....27.70 n.
Shai Cotton Sh., \$.....150 n.
Zong Sing, Sh., \$.....44 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh., \$.....48½ n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainments, \$.....0½ b.
Constructions (old), \$.....1.75 b.
Constructions (new), \$.....1 n.
Vibro Piling, \$.....8½ n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925.....48½ n.
G. Bonds.....07½ n.
H.K. 3½% Loan.....100 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan.....100 n.
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G2208—From Offenbach's Sample Box.....Marek Weber & Orch.
G2287—Negro Spiritual Medley.....Paul Robeson, with Orch.
G2851—The King Steps Out. (Kreiser).....Chorus & Orch.
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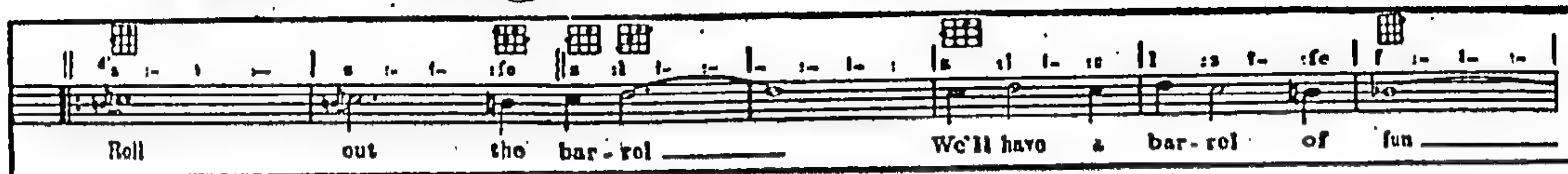
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Fortune is Awaiting Lost Song Writer

A STRANGE FATE IS THAT OF THE YOUNG JAROMIR VEJVODA.

Jaromir, formerly a Czech, and now technically a German subject, is the composer of "Beer Barrel Polka," to the rousing strains of which British troops are marching to war.

The song has had such a spectacular success that a huge sum is piling up in royalties, but Jaromir cannot be located, and in any case the money cannot be sent to him because of the Act which forbids trading with the enemy.

The song was written in 1934 and became the rage of Prague under the title of "Skoda Lasky," meaning "Pity of Love." It was then a sentimental ballad, mourning "wasted love that I gave you, my eyes to-day keep on crying."

When Hitler invaded Czechoslovakia the Czechs became too sad to sing. "Skoda Lasky" became a memory in Prague.

But music goes round and round, and "Skoda Lasky" captured the ear of an American publisher who had new words written for the melody which, at the same time, was pepped up to quick fox-trot.

Its new chorus became:
"Roll out the barrel, we'll have a barrel of fun."

Roll out the barrel, we've got the blues on the run.
Zing! Boom! Ta-ra-rol Ring out a song of good cheer.

Now's the time to roll the barrel, for the gang's all here!

The English rights were secured by Keith Prowse, and between 150,000 and 200,000 copies have already been sold there. There have been forty different gramophone recordings.

But no one here or in America knows what has happened to Jaromir Vajda—the man who gave Tommy a new "Tipperary."

"P.S.—'Beer Barrel Polka' has become one of the greatest swing polkas. Hits at the Hongkong Hotel, where it has been popularised by Nick Koria and his Orchestra."



THE proclamation of a state of siege in some of Holland's frontier regions makes no change in the country's military position, Dutch military experts say. It is a similar measure to that which came into force during the Great War. But the provinces to which the proclamation refers (shaded in the map) seem to indicate that Holland fears a German invasion from the sea as much as on the land.

THEFTS REPORTED

Miss Poole, of the American Mission School, Shaukiwan, reported on Monday that a thief entered the premises and stole money and clothing valued at \$18.00.

Clothing valued at \$24 was stolen from a line on the roof of the Kimberley Road residence of Mrs. J. Gurd, on Monday.

Mr. C. Moss, of Duke Street, reported on Monday that he either lost or had stolen from him, a wrist watch, pen and wallet to the total value of \$120.



Tap-dancing film actress Ruby Keeler has filed a suit for divorce at Los Angeles against Al Jolson, known all over the world as the film singer of "Sonny Boy." Miss Keeler is thirty, he is fifty-three. "Extreme cruelty" is alleged.

Support For Channel Tunnel Plan

PARIS.
THE century-old plan for a Channel tunnel between Britain and France once again received authoritative French support to-day.

M. de Montic, Minister of Public Works, declared himself in favour of the idea in the Chamber of Deputies. He agreed that the tunnel should be one of the first public works undertaken after the war.

He was replying to a deputy, who had suggested that the tunnel and a trans-Sahara railway were now an international necessity.

The Deputy, M. Boucher, urged that France should approach Britain as "the new war was likely to have convinced the British authorities of the great advantage of direct railway connection."

Plans for a Channel tunnel were first disclosed in Paris in 1802. In 1872 shafts were actually dug in both countries.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: After the New Year celebrations the market has resumed operations with a distinctly steady tone. Today's trading embraces deals in Stocks, which continue the leaders, Electrics, Watsons, Dairy Farms New, Trams and China Providentia all at slightly better than the opening quotations whilst a small parcel of Hongkong Banks changed hands at \$1.300.

Buyers	
H.K. Bank	\$1.345
Canton Insurances	\$200
Union Insurances	\$425
Douglases	\$71 1/2
Docks	\$20 1/2
Providents	\$2 1/2
Hotels	\$5
Land	\$22.00
Realities	\$4.30
Tramways	\$12.10
Star Ferry	\$60 1/2
Yau-mat Ferry	\$23 1/2
China Lights (Old)	\$7 1/2
China Lights (New)	\$11.10
Telephones (Old)	\$24 1/2
Telephones (New)	\$17 1/2
Cements	\$12 1/2
Dairy Farms (Old)	\$21 1/2
Dairy Farms (New)	\$21
Watsons	\$30.05
Entertainments	\$40 1/2
Constructions (Old)	\$1 1/2
Sales	
H.K. Bank	\$1.300
Canton Insurances	\$205
Docks	\$20.30/35/40
Providents	\$4 1/2
Hotels	\$5
Tramways	\$12.10
China Lights (Old)	\$7.00
China Lights (New)	\$11.10
Telephones	\$17.00
Dairy Farms (New)	\$21
Watsons	\$30.10

IS BEING AN M. P. AN OCCUPATION?

Mr. Alfred Roy Wise, Conservative M.P. for Smethwick, of Old Queen's Westminster was at Westminster County Court ordered to pay in two instalments a debt of £4 5s. 6d. owing to Barclays Bank Ltd., High-street, Smithwick.

There was a discussion as to what order should be made. Mr. Powell asked, "Is a Member of Parliament an occupation. I am not sure if it is?"

Mr. Powell (for creditors): The position attracts a certain income. Judge Moore-Cann: It also attracts considerable expenses. Mr. Powell: I understand they get expenses in addition. I am instructed to receive £200 a year.

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From IAN MACKAY

GUNVILLE, Dec. 4.

FOR six hours to-day I have wandered about in a flaming inferno of blast furnaces, roaring steel converters, 650-degree electrical retorts, and passed by scorching waterfalls of white-hot steel, skirted giant fountains of fire and dodged showers of golden rain.

I was one of a party of British and Dominion journalists who have set out on a week's tour of some of the great ordnance factories, which are working day and night producing the iron answer to aggression.

The tour, which was arranged by the Ministry of Supply, began at one of the biggest ordnance works, though not one of the largest producers.

Nevertheless, it is one of the most interesting. It turns out almost everything for the defence of democracy—iron bullets so small that you could put a dozen in your waistcoat pocket, to giant naval guns, weighing more than 100 tons, which can fling a ton of devastating steel further than 20 miles over the ocean.

The Nine-Point

Perhaps the peak point of a day of wonders was the testing of one of these 14in. monsters at the proof-bulbs.

The great gun was fired point blank at a mound of sand only a few hundred yards away, and though we stood well away, behind the gun, the detonation was almost unbearable. A ten-foot flame leapt from the muzzle, and the gun itself recoiled four feet as if it had been struck by a thunder-bolt.

My chief impression, wherever I went, was of the extreme—almost perfectly—care taken to test everything and so avoid accidents.

I noticed several boxes of cartridges chalked with swastikas and expressed surprise.

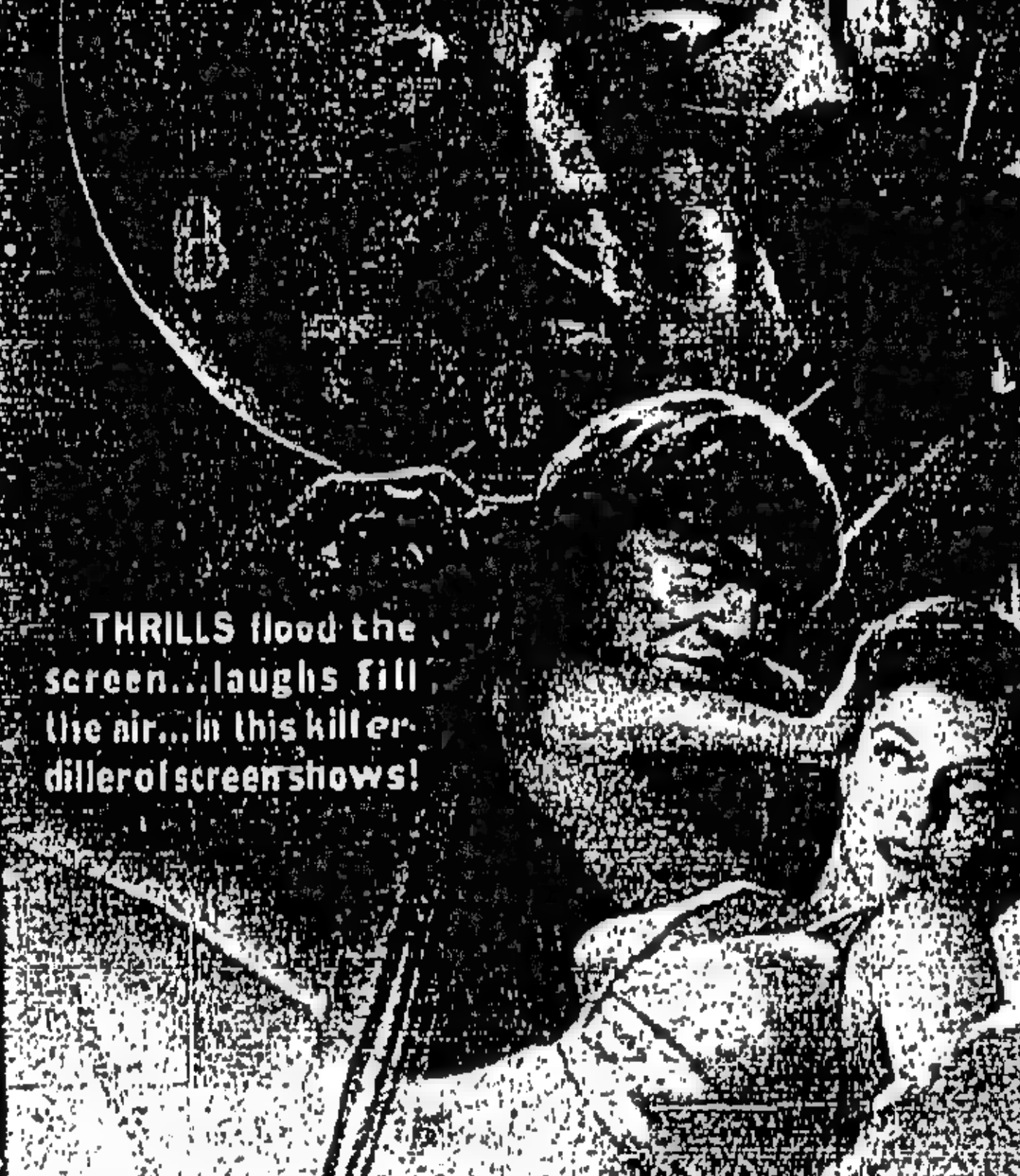
"Oh, that's all right," my guide said, "that is merely our workmen's way of marking their place of delivery."

Nite Footwork

In the shell foundry we came across workmen rolling along, white-hot 8in. steel bullets with their feet. It was almost terrifying to watch them swinging these cylinders about on stock chains with a little concern as if they were logs of wood.

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A YOUNG English woman who had travelled right through the Siegfried Line arrived in London recently with her Hungarian husband, Dr. Lupkovich, after a journey from Slovakia which had taken two months and cost £150.

In the journey across Germany they ate hard-boiled eggs and cold bacon they had bought in Italy, because the German food was so poor.

In Holland they had their first hot bath in six weeks—you cannot get a hot bath in Germany because of fuel rationing.

Soldiers with whom they had to mix on troop trains during the last part of their trip had only apfelstrudel (pastry with apples and raisins) to eat.

Guns Flash

Sitting on the floor of a friend's flat in Woburn-place, W.C., one night, twenty-five-year-old Mrs. Lupkovich—formerly Miss Margaret Errington-Wales, of Tonbridge, Kent told me that after reaching Italy via Hungary and Jugo-Slavia they left Genoa for Berlin by way of Bremen and Munich, says a correspondent.

"We travelled at night in a darkened carriage," she said, "with the blinds drawn. Every now and again an S.S. man would pop his head into the carriage to see that nobody was taking a peep out of the window."

"We managed to look out, though. We could see searchlights and the flash of guns near the towns, but whether that was practice or an air-raid we could not find out."

"When we reached Berlin I was surprised at the poor way they had it blocked-out. There are lights showing everywhere."

"The whole city seems to be in chaos. You cannot get a taxi at night. The army have just taken charge of the place."

"We saw no meat at all in Germany. Hotel prices are shocking. They charged us £2 for bed and breakfast at a small hotel where the normal charge should have been about 14s."

"We saw no bread, and only a little fish. Two plates of fried potatoes cost us 6s, though I must admit they gave us a devil of a lot of potatoes for our money."

"When we ate our Italian food from paper bags in the train, soldiers used to look at us hungrily. From Berlin we went to Hanover, where the regular train service ended, and then we were herded into third-class carriages with German soldiers. At every junction we could see anti-aircraft guns, either on raised platforms or partially hidden in pits."

"Outside each station there were guns, too. We scrambled on and off troop trains with my four suitcases and a hatbox."

"We actually got on one troop train which went to the train right in the Siegfried Line fortifications and the last station before the Dutch frontier. On that last stage of the journey most of the soldiers were drunk."

"They didn't bother about pulling down the window blinds. We could see hundreds of workmen building pillboxes and other fortifications by floodlight, though all the lights were screened from the air by a kind of big umbrella."

"There was no guard on the train, and no ticket collector. We just got an ancient taxi outside the station. But after travelling to within two miles of the German Customs house on the frontier our driver refused to go any further."

"My husband walked on with two bags. I sat by the roadside with the rest of the luggage."

"We told the Customs men the same story about our being Hungarians trying to get to Holland. Thank heaven he didn't know my husband had a letter in his pocket from the British consul in Genoa giving us permission to land in England."

"We walked the remaining 300 yards to the Dutch Customs house at Venlo, and I must say I was glad to see London again."

MATRICULATION EXAMINATION

The next Matriculation Examination of the University of Hong Kong will commence on Monday, June 3, it was announced this morning.

Entries, together with entrance fee, must be delivered before February 1.

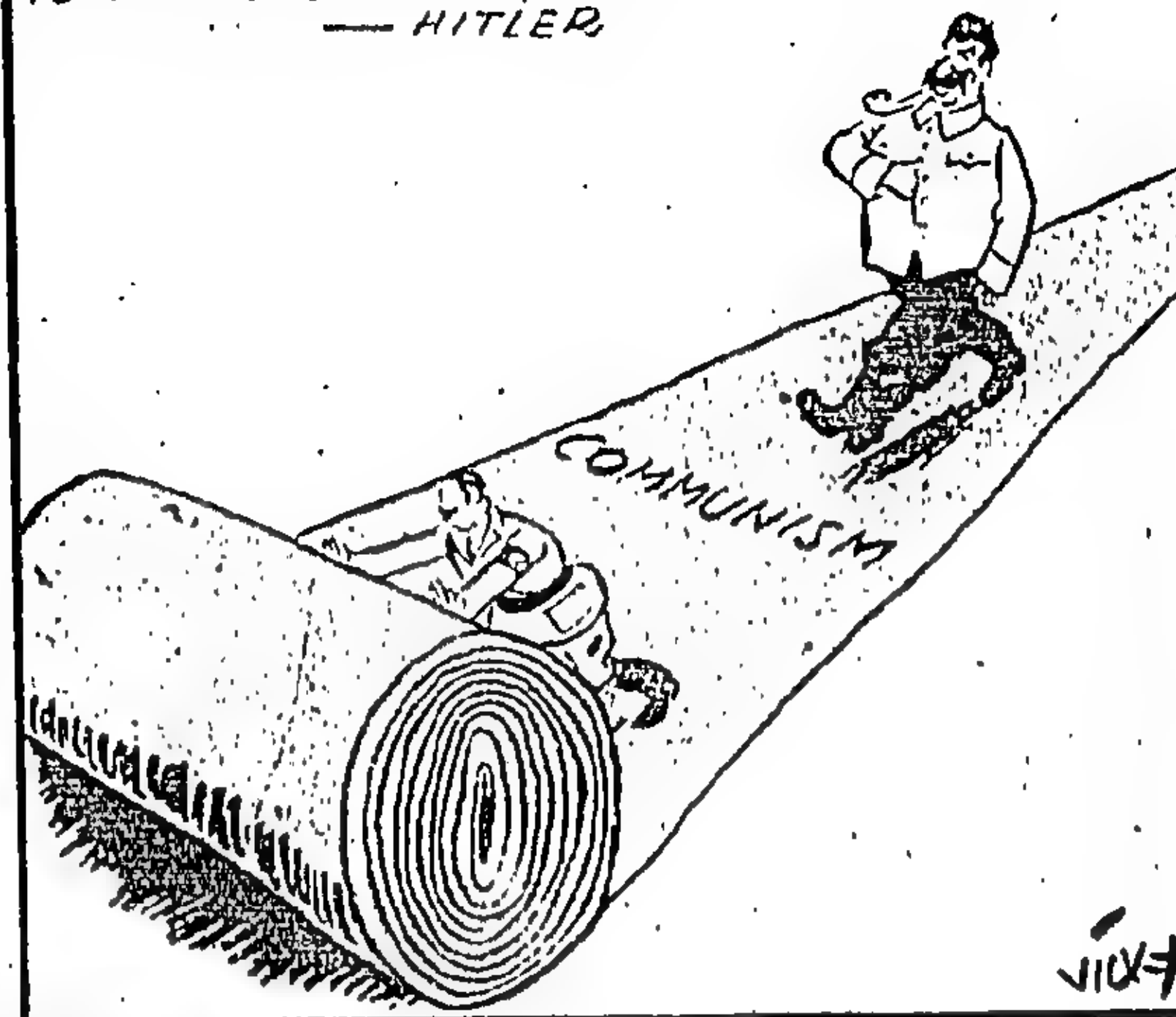
The following scholarships, further particulars of which may be obtained from the Registrar, will be awarded on the results of the Matriculation Examination.

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Three King Edward VII Scholarships of the value of £40 per annum, open to British Subjects only. In all cases the award will be subject to the proviso that a sufficiently high standard is reached.

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INTERNEE'S ATTACK ON VISITING DOCTOR

Dr. Tai, medical officer in charge of the Argyle Street Internment Camp, was the complainant to-day in a case which was brought before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy.

The defendant, Yip Kwai, a soldier interned in the camp, was charged with assault and disorderly conduct on New Year's Day.

In giving evidence, Dr. Tai said that at 5.30 p.m. on January 1 when he was leaving one of the huts, the defendant seized him and threatened him with injury. Defendant was violent.

A number of other internees aided Dr. Tai, who managed to escape. When Dr. Tai was walking across the compound, the defendant threw stones at him.

In admitting the charge of assault, defendant said that he had no blanket and on finding the doctor he seized hold of him.

Inspector Rogers said that during the recent transfer of the camp there had been considerable trouble over the blankets as some of the internees had taken more than their share. The men, he said, did not like Dr. Tai and whenever there was any trouble they blamed the doctor.

"The authorities take a serious view of this matter," he said, "as there have been a number of disturbances at the camp already. As there are over 700 men there a small disturbance of this kind might easily result in a riot."

Defendant was sentenced to two months' imprisonment on the charge of assault and a month's imprisonment on the charge of disorderly conduct, the sentences to run concurrently.

New Drive By Japanese

Stiff Fighting North Of Canton

CHUNGKING, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Arrivals here by aeroplane from Shaokwan, a strategic city on the Canton-Hankow Railway, near the Hunan-Kwangtung border, report that Japanese forces north of Canton are making a determined drive northward along the railway.

While a Japanese column along the railway is engaging Chinese troops in the vicinity of Yingteh, it is stated that Japanese forces east of the railway are trying to reach Shaokwan by breaking through the Chinese left wing.

Chinese Onslaughts

CHUNGKING, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Chinese reports received here from the Nanning front say that the fighting in that area is at present confined to Chinese attempts to seize three strongly-fortified positions north-west of Nanning in the vicinity of the Kuntun-Kwan Pass.

The Chinese have not been able to dislodge the Japanese from the machine-gun nests guarding the Pass.

Japanese Lose Eight Planes In Dog-Fight

CHUNGKING, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Eight Japanese pursuit planes were shot down by Chinese fighters in an aerial battle above Luichow, Kwangsi, on Saturday afternoon, according to Chinese reports received here.

It is stated that 18 Japanese pursuit aircraft of the 06-type reached Luichow in the afternoon when Chinese fighters took off from different airfields in the vicinity and attacked the raiders from all directions.

In the course of a very severe battle lasting 15 minutes, it is claimed that the Chinese shot down eight Japanese machines.

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America's No. 1 Red On Trial

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (UP).—The trial of Earl Browder, head of the Communist Party in America, on fraudulent passport charges has been postponed until January 15 at the request of the defence attorneys.

Browder continues at liberty on \$7,500 bail.

LATE NEWS

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Roosevelt's Message To Congress May Contain Hint

JAPANESE FACE DRASTIC AMERICAN "REPRISALS"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, JAN. 2 (UP).—THE POSSIBILITY OF DRASTIC U.S. ACTION AGAINST JAPAN BECOMES MORE EVIDENT AS CONGRESS PREPARES TO MEET FOR WHAT MAY BE ITS MOST MOMENTOUS SESSION SINCE THE GREAT WAR.

A sizeable number of Bills and resolutions are already pending in this connection. They all more or less aim at the same thing—retaliatory action by the United States against the Asian aggressor.

Congressional leaders are apparently more lukewarm than their followers, and appear to be disposed to withhold action, at least temporarily, until the outcome of diplomatic negotiations is known.

Diplomatic observers are displaying keen interest in President Roosevelt's message to Congress, which will possibly contain hints as to the Government's attitude towards Japan.

FUEHRER'S ENGLISH "GIRL-FRIEND"

Unity, Broken-Hearted,
Leaves For Home

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 2 (UP).—Blonde 25-year-old Unity Freeman-Mitford, the English girl who is "just crazy in love with Hitler" is leaving Paris tonight for the north of France, from where she will depart for England on Wednesday.

According to the "Evening Standard," Miss Freeman-Mitford, who is the daughter of the second Lord Redesdale, has been in a German nursing home since the outbreak of war.

She is suffering from a head wound which will probably disfigure her for life.

It is not known how the wound was inflicted. It is recalled, however, that it has been many times rumoured that Miss Freeman-Mitford attempted to commit suicide the day England declared war on Germany.

Was In Munich
Miss Freeman-Mitford was in Munich when war was declared. According to a "Havas" report she telephoned Hitler and shortly afterwards shot herself through the head.

It was at first reported that she had died from her wound.

Immediately Hitler heard of the happening, he arranged for the English girl to have the best surgical attention in the land, and daily sent her flowers while she was convalescing.

After her recovery, Miss Freeman-Mitford left Germany, disfigured and depressed, for France, travelling via Switzerland.

"Adolf's English Girl Friend"
She has always been known as "Adolf Hitler's English girl friend," a title she liked immensely.

For many years she has been one of the Fuehrer's closest feminine confidants.

She has often appeared with Hitler at official Nazi functions, notably at the opening of the Nuremberg Congress last year and at the official entry into Vienna in March, 1938.

It was not long ago that she figured at a violent incident in London, when a gold swastika pendant was torn off her neck and she herself was spat upon.

Married To Mosley
Of her five sisters, Diana recently married Sir Oswald Mosley, the leader of the British Fascists, in the presence of Hitler. Another sister, Jessica, left Britain during the Spanish Civil War to marry her cousin, Edmund Romilly, in Spain. He was fighting for the Loyalists at the time.

Unity is violently anti-Jew, fanatically pro-Nazi. She contemplated becoming a German citizen in 1937 and was, as a result, asked to resign from the British Women's Emergency Service. In May she was arrested in Czechoslovakia on suspicion of Nazi espionage, and was deported.

Newspaper editorials continue to be critical of Japan, either directly or by implication.

The Baltimore "Sun" gives a resume of Japan's 30-month campaign and says: "Japanese operations in China have been sporadic and non-spectacular during the past twelve months. Indications that Tokyo has been seeking a face-saving escape from continuing large-scale warfare are multiplying."

The Washington "Times-Herald" says: "Our chief enemy is Japan. Her military rulers wish to eject the white man from Asia. We must counter this by applying the 'squeezing' when the trade pact expires."

KWANGTUNG WAR

JAPANESE ADVANCE

Reinforcements May
Stem C.H.R. Drive

CHUNGKING, Jan. 3. (Reuters).—Following the arrival of Chinese reinforcements, it is thought here that the Japanese advance along the Canton-Hankow Railway north of Canton may be stemmed.

The Japanese attack appears to have been well-timed and was launched when the Chinese were re-organising their lines.

This enabled the Japanese east of the Railway to advance to the north in an attempt to outflank the Chinese troops holding the Railway at Yingchi and threaten Shaokwan from the south-east.

With the arrival of reinforcements it is believed that the Chinese will be able to fill the gaps in their line south-east of Shaokwan.

High Chinese commanders are personally directing operations at the front in an effort to halt the Japanese advance to the north along the Railway.

KING VISITS HOME TROOPS

LONDON, Jan. 2 (British Wire-Press).—The King paid a visit today to the troops in the Southern Command where he was met by a parade of 4,000 men who greeted him with a burst of cheering.

After inspecting this centre and talking with many officers and men, His Majesty drove in a camouflaged car to a number of small villages in the area where units have been stationed. At each place, the King left the car and walked up and down the lines, and at one place, he walked over a mile along a road lined with enthusiastically cheering men.

At this point, His Majesty's only escort was a crowd of evacuated children, who followed closely behind him. His Majesty's tour took him through two counties and occupied most of the day.

R.A.F. Machines Outnumbered Four To One, Accept Challenge

LONDON, JAN. 2 (REUTERS).—A BIG BATTLE BETWEEN THREE R.A.F. BOMBERS AND 12 NAZI FIGHTERS WAS FOUGHT NEAR THE GERMAN COAST TO-DAY.

THE STORY IS TOLD BY THE AIR MINISTRY IN THE FOLLOWING BULLETIN:

"There has been extensive air activity over the North Sea to-day, and in the neighbouring German coast during the afternoon.

"A formation of three R.A.F. bombers encountered a squadron of 12 Messerschmidt long-range fighters well out at sea.

"The formation, although heavily out-numbered, gave battle to the enemy.

SENSATIONAL CHARGES AGAINST SHIPPING LINES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (UP).—The U.S. Maritime Commission has accused twelve foreign and two United States steamship companies operating between Japan and the United States with falsifying bills of lading, mis-classifying cargo and granting illegal rebates on silk cargoes.

The companies named are:
Kawasaki Yusen Kaisha,
Kokusai Kaisha Kaisha,
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha,
Nippon Yusen Kaisha,
Oishi Yusen Kaisha,
Yamashita Kaisha Kaisha,
China Mutual Steam Navigation Company,
United Ocean Transport Company,
A. C. Moller & Company,
Admiral Pacific Steamship Company,
American President Lines; and
The States Steamship Company.
The Commission charges that the companies gave favoured shippers preferential rates and discriminated against other shippers.

A THENIA HEROES

Awards For Brave
Merchant Officers

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—The Chief Officer of the Athenia, Barnett Mackenzie Copeland, is awarded the O.B.E. and Boatswain William Harvey awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for their services when the liner was torpedoed by a submarine on September 4, 1939.

The official account states that Copeland was responsible for the loading and getting away of 28 boats of survivors, and the fact that this was done in darkness, without a hitch or loss, reflects great credit on his powers of organisation and command.

Return To Rescue Sick Woman
After being taken on board a warship, Copeland returned to the sinking liner to rescue an unconscious woman left in the sick bay.

Harvey showed outstanding coolness and efficiency, and accompanied Copeland in returning to the Athenia to save the woman in the sick bay.

Ajax Pays Visit To Montevideo

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MONTVIDEO, Jan. 2 (UP).—It is officially announced that the liner Ajax, requested and received permission for a 48 hours visit to Montevideo.

It is understood the cruiser arrived Wednesday morning.

QUAKE HORROR MANY ARE STILL BURIED —ALIVE!

City Dead Totals 90
Per Cent. Of Population

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ANKARA, Jan. 2 (UP).—The first rescue train, bearing a hundred injured people, arrived here to-day from Erzincan, bringing new tales of suffering and horror.

An officer of the garrison at Erzincan told "United Press" that it was estimated that 90 per cent. of the population of the city have perished.

"Most of the officers and men of the garrison lost their lives. Only those who were on sentry duty at the time of the earthquake escaped," he said.

"I saw indescribable scenes of horror. A great number of people committed suicide after witnessing the deaths of all their relations."

Many Buried Alive
ERZINCAN, Jan. 2 (UP).—Earthquake survivors are still living in the streets here.

One young man who came to seek his family collapsed when he heard that all nine had perished.

Many people are burying their relations with their own hands.

There are still many bodies everywhere, arousing fears of epidemics.

It is believed some are still alive under the ruins; four were saved to-day. They had been calling each to keep alive.

CHINESE CREWS DESERT NAZIS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 2 (UP).—A total of 108 Chinese seamen, who have arrived here aboard several German ships and have refused to continue their voyages, were placed aboard the Italian liner Oceania to-day.

The liner is sailing for Italy, from whence the seamen will return to China.

Key-Men May Volunteer

Britain's Relaxed
Regulations

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—The Ministry of Labour and National Service announces that operation of the schedule of reserved occupations have been relaxed in order to permit men of, or above, the age of reservation in certain occupations, to volunteer for service in the forces, or in the civil defence services.

Men in the occupations included in List 1 (numbering 42 occupations, including editorial staffs of newspapers, periodicals and news agencies) may volunteer for any branch of the defence services, but men in the occupations in List 2 (including masons, boot-repairers, senior clerks, cooks, dock and harbour workers and lithographers) can be accepted for service only in their trade capacity.

Further relaxation of the schedule is also being made in order to permit recruitment, irrespective of ages of reservation, of the large number of building and road-making operatives required by the B.E.F. in France, and also certain classes of building operatives for full-time duties in A.R.P. and rescue services.

GERMAN PROTEST

BERLIN, Jan. 2 (UP).—It is announced that the German Minister at Montevideo, Dr. Langemann, has protested to the Uruguayan government at the internment of the German steamer Tacoma.

CRACK SOVIET TROOPS IN FINLAND

VIBORG, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—"Reuters" special correspondent, who has just returned from a visit to the neighbourhood of Vuoksi, on eastern side of the Karelian Isthmus, confirms that crack regiments from Central Russia are now in the Soviet front lines facing the Mannerheim Line.

These are really first-class troops, well-clothed and equipped with up-to-date gas-masks on the German model.

REDS ARE REPULSED

Finns Continue To
Improve Position

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—A communique issued to-day states that while the day was relatively quiet in the Karelian Isthmus, fighting occurred at several points north of Lake Ladoga.

Finnish troops are improving their position.

The communique adds that in the direction of Lake Lavajarvi, the Russians attacked all day but were repulsed.

Soviet Planes Active
The battleship, October Revolution, bombarded Koivisto forts with little result, while aircraft bombed Abo and Gulu. Some civilians were killed and wounded, and some material damage was done to both towns.

Seven Russian planes were shot down during the day.

Soviets Use Their Reserves
HELSINGFORS, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—Latest military despatches show that while fierce local fighting continues, no co-ordinated Soviet offensive is yet launched against the Mannerheim Line.

Russian prisoners say that part of the huge reserves recently brought up have been thrown into the battle on this front.

This appears to be confirmed by the fact that many of the men killed or taken prisoner are much younger, better clad and equipped than hitherto.

On the Petsamo front, the temperature is 40 below zero and has almost completely paralysed operations.

The Russians show no inclination to make fresh attempts to advance to the Gulf of Bothnia down the great Arctic highway which is extensively mined by the Finns.

Finnish Successes
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINGFORS, Jan. 2 (UP).—It is officially announced that the Finns PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

TO TRAIN ABROAD

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuters).—Large numbers of the 2,000,000 men due to be called up in the next few months are to be sent to the "News Chronicle," which adds that the places chosen include France, Africa and Palestine.

Besides relieving the billowing strength, the scheme will provide additional forces at strategic points.

Border Violated

OSLO, Jan. 3 (Reuters).—After investigation, the military authorities have decided that possibly one bomb fell just inside the Norwegian frontier during recent Russo-Finnish fighting.

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BERLIN, Jan. 2 (UP).—Germany is keeping her naval losses secret from the German people.

The 1940 edition of the "German Naval Handbook," which is published to-day, does not mention any German losses as a result of the war, although British losses to December 31 are recorded.

In addition to not mentioning the loss of the Admiral Graf Spee and of more than half the U-boat fleet, the Handbook is silent on German naval construction.

The handbook admits that there were only 45 U-boats in the September 1, 1939, situation, and that the German fleet was damaged.

American Protest Lodged

British Censorship
Of Mails

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (UP).—The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, announces that the United States had vigorously protested to Great Britain against interference of American mails on the High Seas.

The American Embassy at London was instructed to enter the protest on December 22.

Mr. Hull cited specific instances in which British authorities had seized mail on board American and other neutral ships originating in the United States and addressed to Germany.

In addition, there were "many individual instances of British censorship of American mails."

Mr. Hull added that the United States "readily admits the right of the British government to censor private mails originating in or destined to the United Kingdom or which normally pass through the United Kingdom for transmission to final destination," but "we cannot admit the right of the British authorities to interfere with American mails on board American or other neutral ships, nor the right of the British government to censor mail on ships which involuntarily entered British ports."

He concluded with the hope that the State Department would receive early assurances "that interference with American mails has been discontinued."

Under Consideration
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 2 (UP).—It is officially announced that the protest regarding censorship of mails is "under due and careful consideration" and will be answered soon.

LATEST AMBASSADORS RECALLED

MOSCOW, Jan. 3 (Reuters).—Sir William Seeds, British Ambassador to Moscow, has left for Bucharest en route to England.

According to the "News Chronicle," M. Nagels, the French Ambassador, is leaving shortly on indefinite leave.

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H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	284 n.
Chartered Bank	8 1/2 n.
Merchants Bank	20 1/4 n.
Merchants Bank (Lon. Reg.)	11 1/2 n.
East Asia	7 1/2 n.

INSURANCES

Canton	205 sa.
Union	425 b.
China Underwriter	1 1/4 n.
H.K. Fire	163 n.

SHIPPING

Douglases	72 b.
Steamships	11 n.
Indo-China	100 b.
Indo-China	80 b.
Shell (Bearers) 1/2	81 1/2 n.
Waterboats	7 1/2 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	101 n.
Docks	20 40 b. & sa.
Providents	4 50 b. & sa.
New Eng. Sh.	10 1/2 n.
Sh. Docks Sh.	214 n.

MINING

Kollar	17 1/2 n.
Raub	10 10 n.
Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	4 cts. n.

LANDS

Notes	5 b.
Lands	32 1/2 n.
Shai Lands	100 n.
Humphreys	12 1/2 n.
H.K. Estates	8 1/2 n.
Chinese Estates	4 1/2 n.

UTILITIES

Trams	17 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	60 1/2 n.
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7.00 London Relay—Musical Com-
edy in Miniature. Clites of Music:
Venice.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 Variety Programme with
Oliver Wakefield, George Formby,
Gracie Fields, Elsie Altherton. Some
of These Days, Moan! Low, Sophie
Tucker. Panacea Tuesday Through-
out The Empire (A far-flung Relay).

8.15 Max Kester and John de Grey,
Treadlin', Harry Robbins with The
Four Bright Sparks, Crazy Commem-
ories (Red Riding Hood v. The
Wolf), Max Kester, By The Blue
Hawaiian, The Rhythm of the Feet.

8.30 The Voice of Experience, Oliver
Wakefield. The Vision of Fuji-San,
Reginald Foot. My Young Man's
Iris, So Nice, Dennis, The Menace
of Formby, Elsie Altherton, George
Formby, Outside An Old Stage
Dance, The Legions, The Times,
Dolly, The Circus, The Legions,
Dorrell, I'm Gonna, Warner and
Over You, Falling in L. Sentimental
Andy Iona and His Island With You,
8.05 Studio—Comments on

Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Sum-
mary.

9.20 Folk Music, Mutual Love,
The Cornical Fellow, Folk Dance
Band conducted by Ronnie Munro.
La Volta, Ayre Tower Hill, O You're
Pretty (English Jig), Buttered
(English Folk Song), Nancy Wants
Her Own Share (Irish Folk Tune).

9.45 The Pipers' Guild Quartet, The
Berkshire Tragedy (English County
Song), O Sad Ending, Oliver Crom-
well (English County Song), Our Bill
(Vocal), Scandinavian Dances, Folk
Dance Orchestra.

9.45 Three Brahms Songs by
Elena Gerhardt (Mezzo-Soprano),
Nachtigall, Ständchen, Feldesnsam-
keit.

9.55 Brahms, Variations on a
Theme by Paganini, Op. 35. Egon
Pietri (Piano).

10.15 Sibelius, Symphony No. 2 in
D Major, Op. 43. Serge Koussevitzky
and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

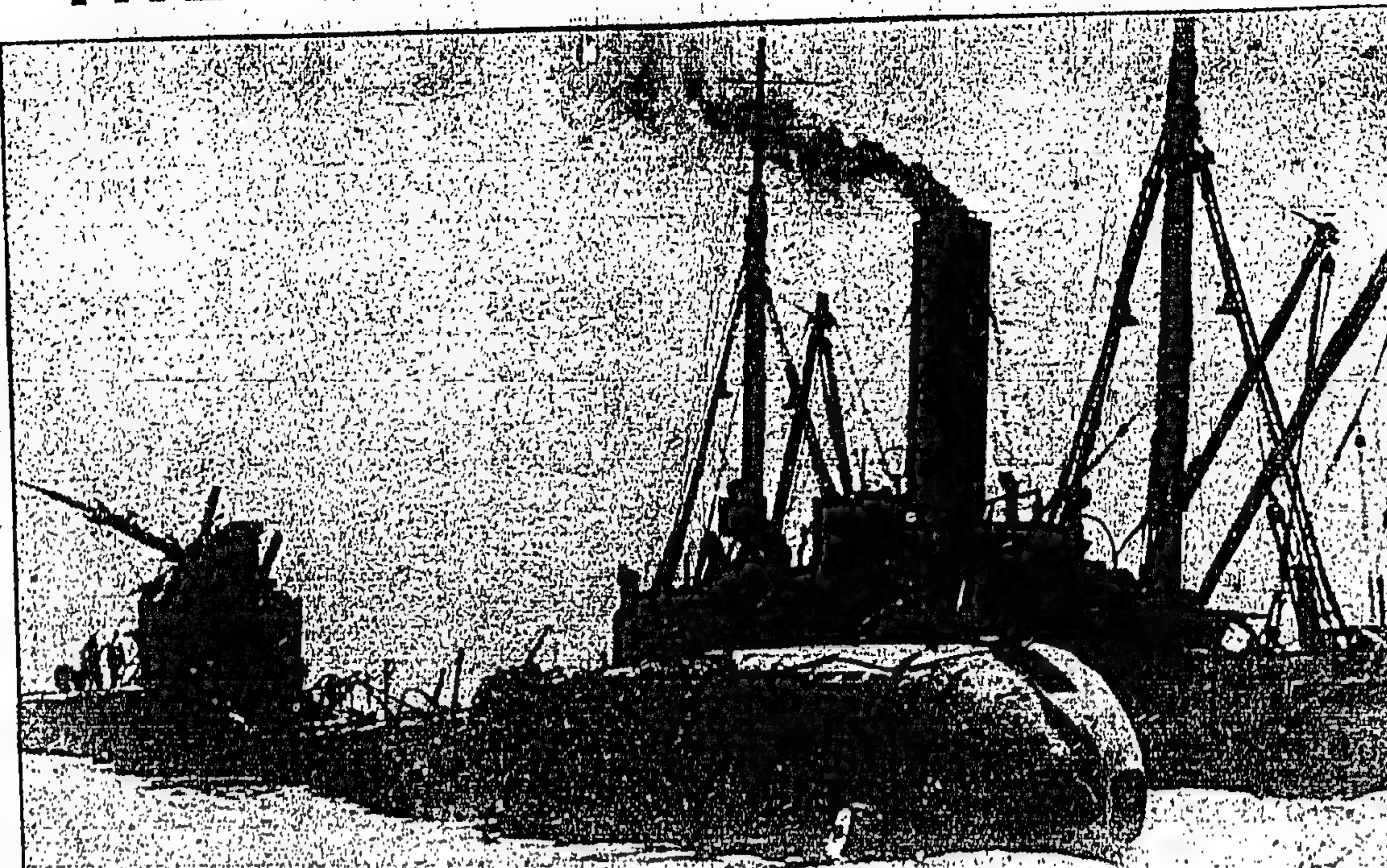
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THE TRAGEDY THAT MOVED THE WORLD—IN PEACETIME



The submarine Thetis—raised recently off Anglesey. She was later beached. She had been under water since the tragedy of June 1 except for a brief appearance soon after the disaster—when the falling tide uncovered part of her stern. The bow torpedo valves are visible in the picture above. Through one of these the water entered the Thetis.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. Demand	1/2%
T.T. Shanghai	.310
T.T. Japan	.52 1/2
T.T. India	.103 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	.24 1/2
T.T. Manila	.45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	.149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	.108 1/2
T.T. France	.10 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	.107 1/2
T.T. Australia	.107 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/37/32
4 m/s D/P Do.	1/31/32
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	.25 1/4
4 m/s France	.11 1/4
30 d/s India	.44 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in London	.442
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	.309 1/2

JUNK MASTERS HEAVILY FINED

Fines of \$250 or three months' hard
labour was imposed by Mr. Houston
at the Central Magistracy this morn-
ing on three junk masters for being
in possession of kerosene in a place
other than a dangerous goods
anchorage. The offence was com-
mitted in Shaikwan harbour.

Defendants were Chan Man, 44,
Ma Chu 42, and Chan Yee, 39, and
between them, they had a total of
992 tins of kerosene.

Mr. Houston ordered confiscation
of the kerosene.

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WESTERN FRONT ALL QUIET ON WESTERN FRONT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Jan. 2 (UP).—The
D.N.B. (Official German News
Agency) to-day expanded the
German High Command's official
communiqué as follows:—

"It was generally quiet on the
Western Front yesterday. Insignif-
icant enemy air activity was noted
over the Karlsruhe and Freiburg
sectors in the neighbourhood of the
border."

"In the Moselle and Rhine sectors
German planes undertook patrol
duties. They did not contact the
enemy."

"German reconnaissance planes
over the Sheld and Orkney Islands
completed information they have
gathered in past observations."

"The British broadcast announced
that during Christmas Day 200
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with minor exceptions, none was
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Dams Collapse: Over 700 Die Appalling Aftermath Of Earthquake

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ISTANBUL, Jan. 2 (Reu-
ter).—Over 700 are estimat-
ed to have lost their lives
when the torrents sweeping
through the Kemal Pasha in
western Anatolia, where the
dams gave way, destroyed
400 houses.

It is impossible to estimate
the exact number of dead.
Floods continue to de-
vastate large areas in Brusa
and Parins, south of Istan-
bul.

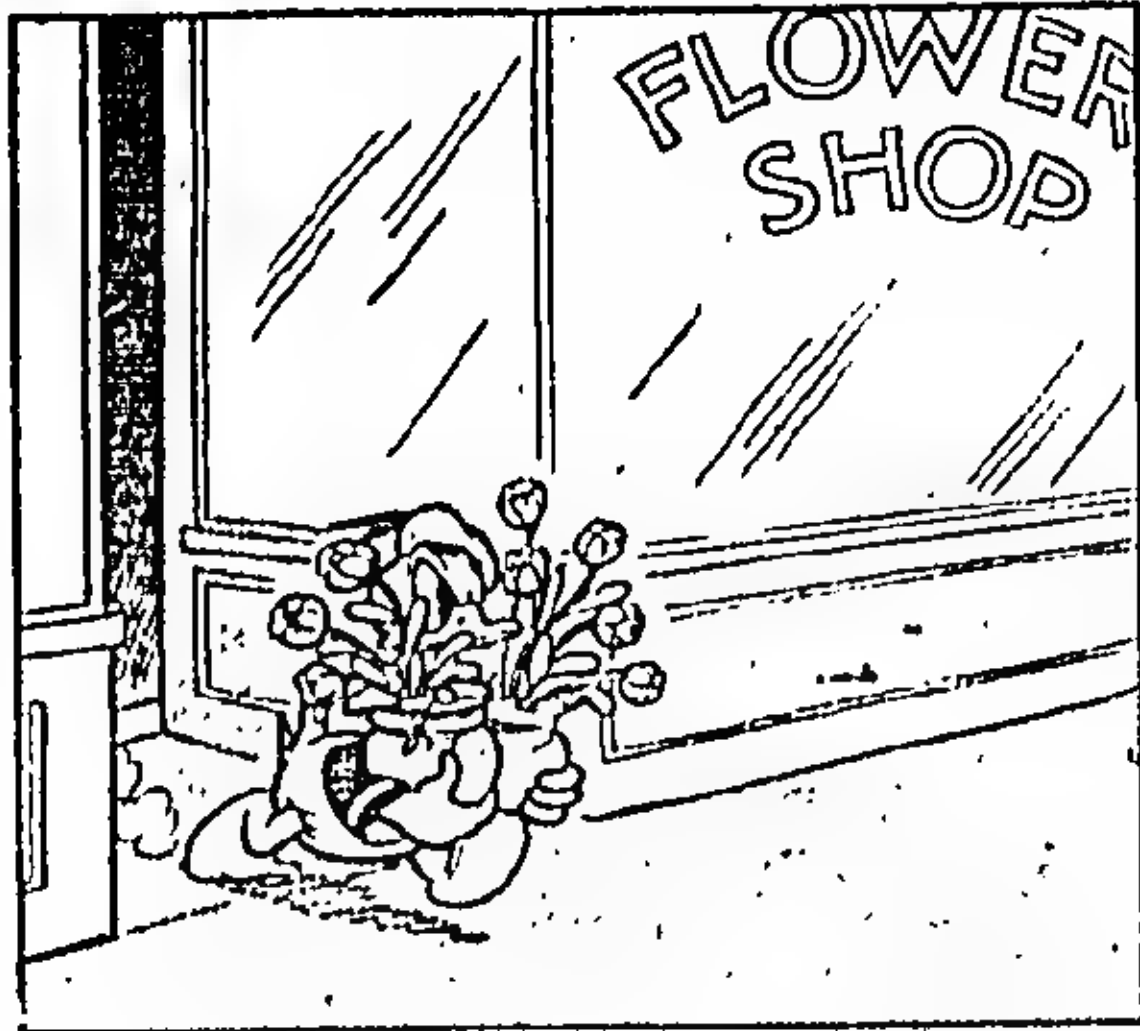
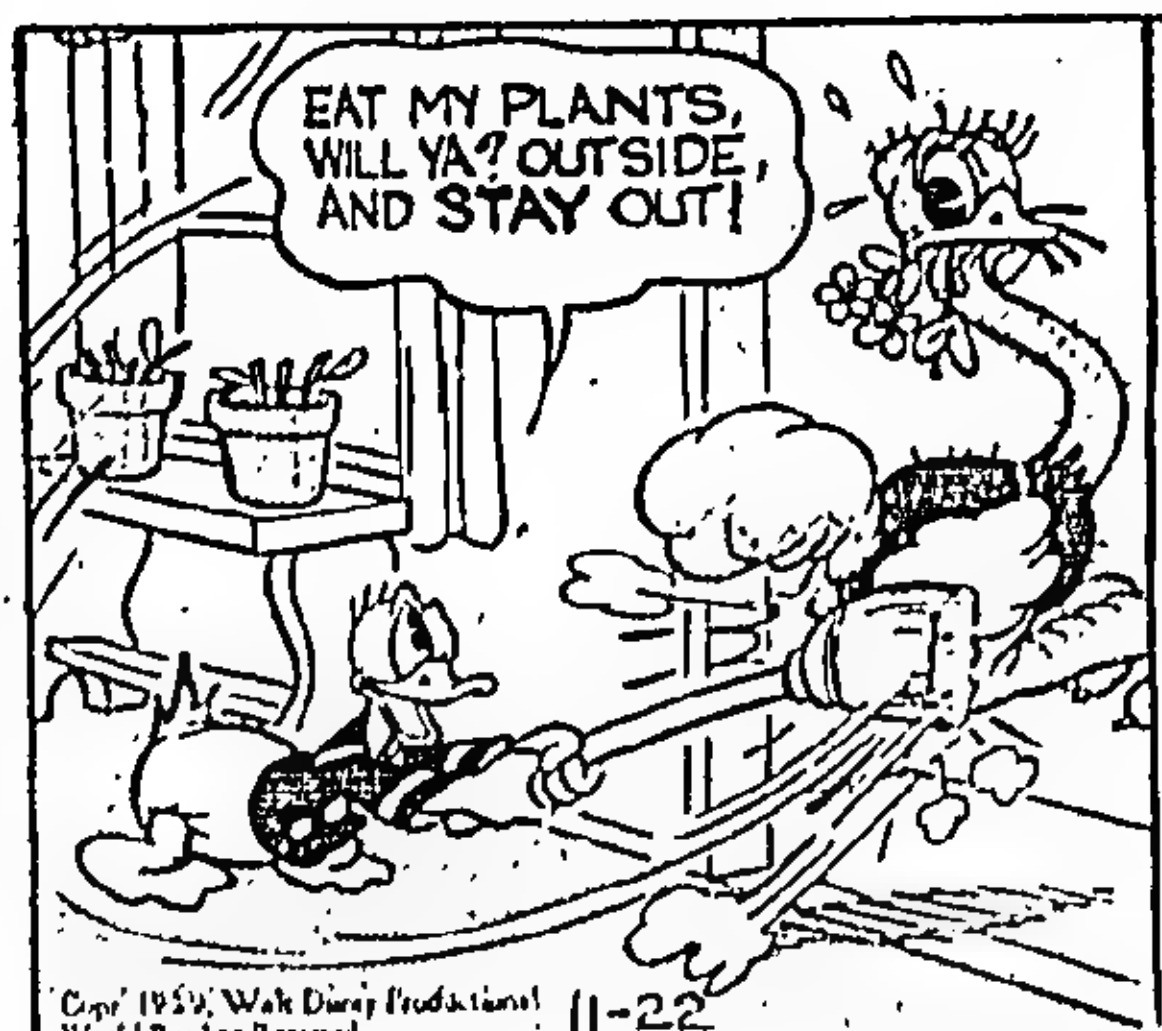
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NAZIS' BIG FOOD PROBLEMS

Shortage Of Fat Becomes Acute

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—A comprehensive review of Germany's food problems is given in the "Nieuw Rotterdamsche" from Berlin in which the writer assesses the German self-sufficiency of foodstuffs as between 70 and 80 per cent, except fats which is 50 per cent.

The deficiency is normally made up by imports. Sufficient stock were accumulated in the last 12 or 18 months. Nevertheless, the fat problem is at a critical point.

Desperate efforts are being made to produce fat from coal and beet. There are only a few for technical purposes with the view to relieving edible fats for human consumption.

The possibilities of rapeseed, linseed, and horse chestnut, are being explored. The meat situation appears very difficult. Rationing is most severe and the effects of foot and mouth disease are being felt.

By the imposition of fodder from Russia, it is hoped to increase the number of pigs in Germany. Sea fishing is reduced to a minimum.

Grain Situation Good. The situation regarding leguminous plants, like peas, is very unsatisfactory. The total crop in Germany proper last year produced only 624,000 tons.

In addition, the canning industry is suffering from a shortage of tin for cans.

The Polish territories were expected to help to make up the general deficit, particularly grain, meat and eggs, but little butter can be hoped for Poland.

The grain situation is generally good and the potato crop is expected to be no less satisfactory as only 25 per cent. of the total crop is needed for human consumption, though this percentage is expected to increase considerably on account of the shortage of other commodities. Therefore, a special reserve of 2,000,000 tons is being laid aside.

Lie Given To Nazi Gibes

New Demonstration Of British War Effort

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The Royal Proclamation notifying another 2,000,000 men of their liability to military service is generally welcomed.

The greatness of Britain's war effort disposes of the German gibes that Britain is willing to die to the last Frenchman.

Old Mistakes Avoided. Also the methodical calling-up over a considerable period indicates the British ability to utilize manpower to maximum advantage, both in industry and service, thus avoiding the waste and confusion of conscription in the last war, when acceptance of compulsory service was qualified by strong opposition and widespread misgivings even after 17 months of desperate campaigning.

However, this time the scheme is approved in all sections of British opinion.

MATRICULATION EXAMINATION

The next Matriculation Examination of the University of Hongkong will commence on Monday, June 3, it was announced this morning.

Entries, together with the entrance fee, must be delivered before February 1.

The following scholarships, further particulars of which may be obtained from the Registrar, will be awarded on the results of the Matriculation Examination.

Government Scholarships. — A limited number of Hongkong Government Scholarships (tenable in the Faculties of Arts and Science) are open to candidates from Hongkong.

Three King Edward VII Scholarships of the value of £40 per annum, open to British Subjects only.

In all cases the award will be subject to the proviso that a sufficiently high standard is reached.

Convoy Strategists Try To Elude Raiders And Submarines
HOW THE CONVOYS BEAT THE NAZI

This war opened with a field day for the German submarines. They were at sea prepared for action upon the declaration of war and by the middle of this week had sunk about 40,000 tons of Allied and neutral shipping. But even this considerable amount of tonnage was well below the average weekly harvest reaped by the U-boats in the early part of 1917 when unrestricted sinkings of ships was being carried on.

The British immediately began placing the convoy system in operation and this precaution, together with other anti-submarine measures, seems to be obtaining the desired result. It reports concerning the decreased number of submarine successes can be relied on.

Convoys are not a new concept. The Romans conveyed their grain ships, Venice, in the heyday of its mercantile power, conveyed its ships; Spain's convoys to and from America are historical; and British safeguarded its merchant ships by this means in the time of Napoleon and during its troubles with the United States.

However, conveying in other days was an entirely different proposition from today's method of handling the problem. Before the danger of hidden attacks by submarines complicated matters, a convoy was a loose aggregation of ships that was accompanied by one or more men-of-war to guard it against raiders, and usually it was only necessary for a ship to remain in sight of an escorting vessel in order to be safe. Some times, however, a daring privateer, by weather conditions, would be able to cut out a prize from under the very nose of an escort.

To-day's convoy must proceed in a close and regular formation so that it can manoeuvre and be rescued by the escorts. The closer the formation, the less the target presented for submarine attack and the fewer the number escorts required.

Broad Front for Convoys

The quintessence of conveying is to prevent a submarine from attacking a position from which it can successfully launch its torpedoes. The most successful position for such an attack is somewhere fairly close on the bow of an oncoming ship, and the chances of making a hit rapidly decrease as the submarine draws farther from its formation has a broad front and a position.

For this reason, the convoy shallows depth. For instance, all the ships in a convoy of up to seven vessels would probably steam in a line abreast, each other. Larger convoys would be in a line of columns of ships, with rarely more than four or five ships in a column. If they are handy, well-drilled ships, accustomed to steaming in convoy, the assigned distance between ships in a column might be as little as 500 yards, with 300 yards between columns. With large or nearly drilled ships, these distances would have to be increased to 1,000 and 1,200 yards respectively.

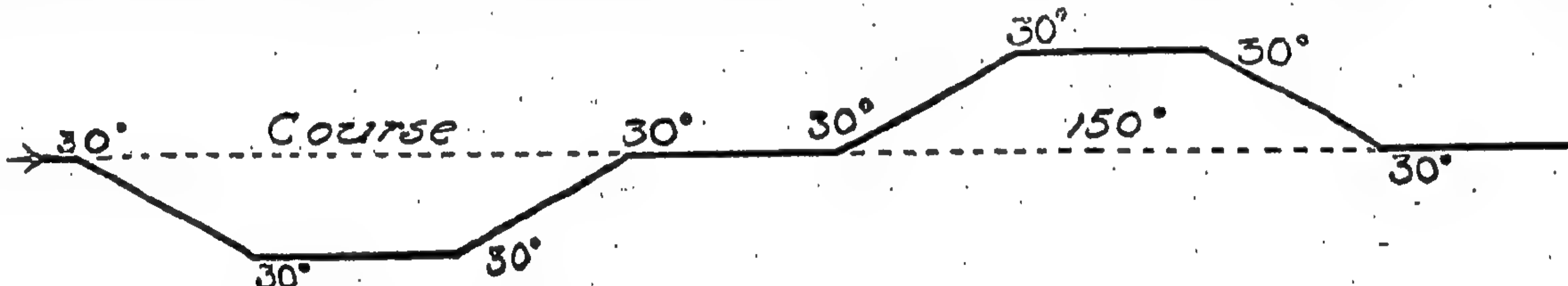
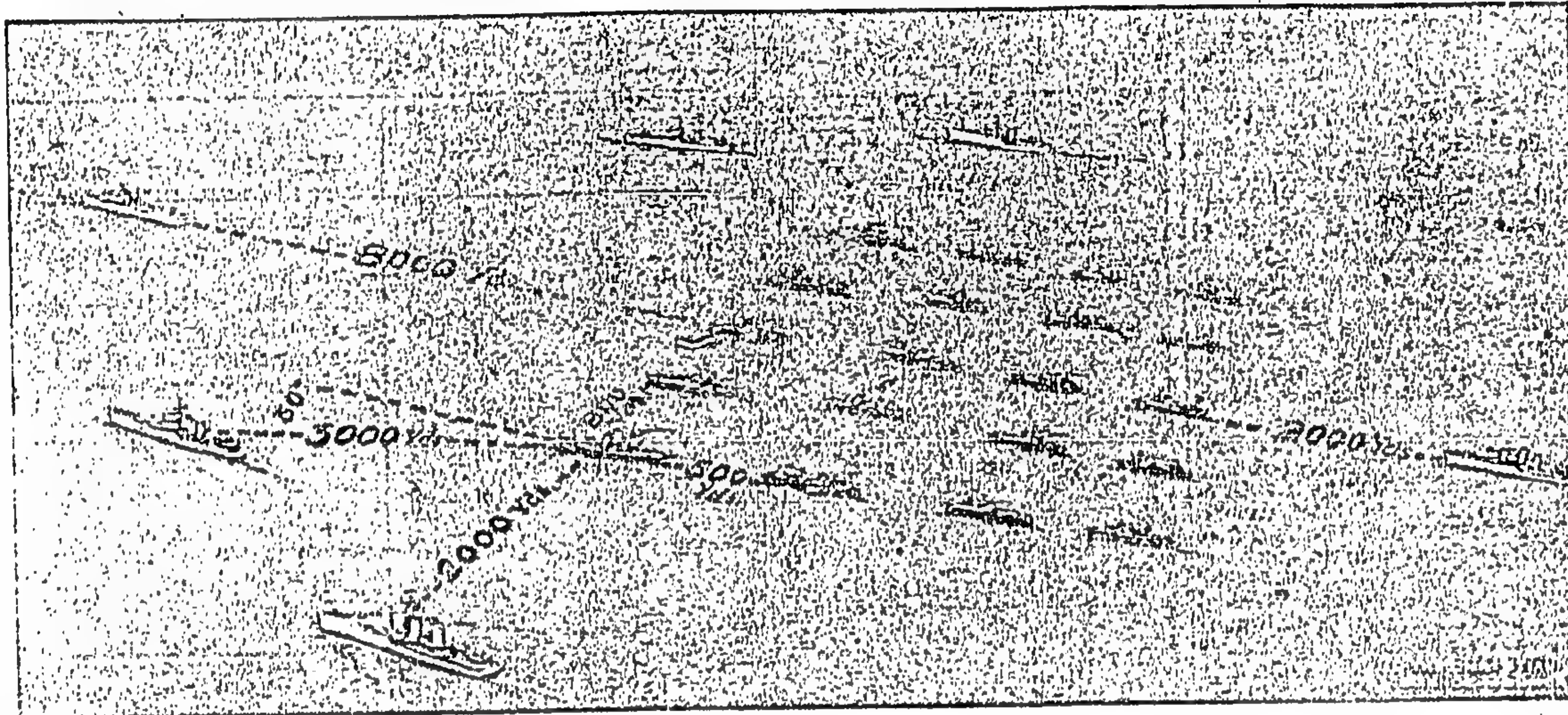
The positions taken by the escorting ships depends entirely upon the number made available for duty and any special conditions that may exist. In general, they operate ahead of the convoy and on the bow and beam of the oncoming columns. When possible, one of them trails the convoy to prevent a submarine following it and to assist any vessel that may stray.

Merchant captains are instructed with convoy duty, do not take kindly to it. They have always been accustomed to steering steady courses along the routes to their destinations, and their natural inclination is to give all other vessels wide berth at sea. Nor is the merchant ship furnished with equipment such as the man-of-war has for signalling, small changes of speed to the engine room, facilities for quickly determining the revolutions of the engines, and means for measuring distances. However, it does not take merchant captains long to learn the ropes and convoys soon manage to manoeuvre, zigzag, and get along at night without lights.

The zigzag is not a wild, rambling dash at will over the ocean, but on the contrary, is a carefully worked-out, orderly method of altering the course by a definite amount at specified times. It is not a difficult procedure for a single ship, but with 20 to 40 ships of indifferent manoeuvring qualities and varying turning circles, steering in close formation, the proposition is an entirely different one.

Zigzagging Carefully Planned

A bad feature of even the best designed zigzag is that the distance made good along the base course, is never more than 70 per cent. of the distance steamed.



The purpose of the zigzag is to confuse a lurking submarine and prevent it reaching a firing position. There is, of course, the possibility that one of the changes of the ship's course will throw a waiting submarine into the desired position, but the advantages of the zigzag far outweigh this possibility.

Perhaps all the ships draw away rapidly. There may be an opportunity for a shot on the fly, but usually the chance has gone and there is nothing the submarine can do except to submerge and try to get away, because if it has been seen, a barrage of depth bombs will surely follow.

Zigzags are only used when in dangerous waters or when the presence of a submarine is suspected, and they are not used at night unless there is sufficient moonlight to make ships visible at a distance.

A submarine awash can sight an approaching ship many miles away, but can itself be seen from a distance of only three or four miles. Once a ship is sighted and its approximate course is determined, the submarine proceeds toward the position where it can use its weapons.

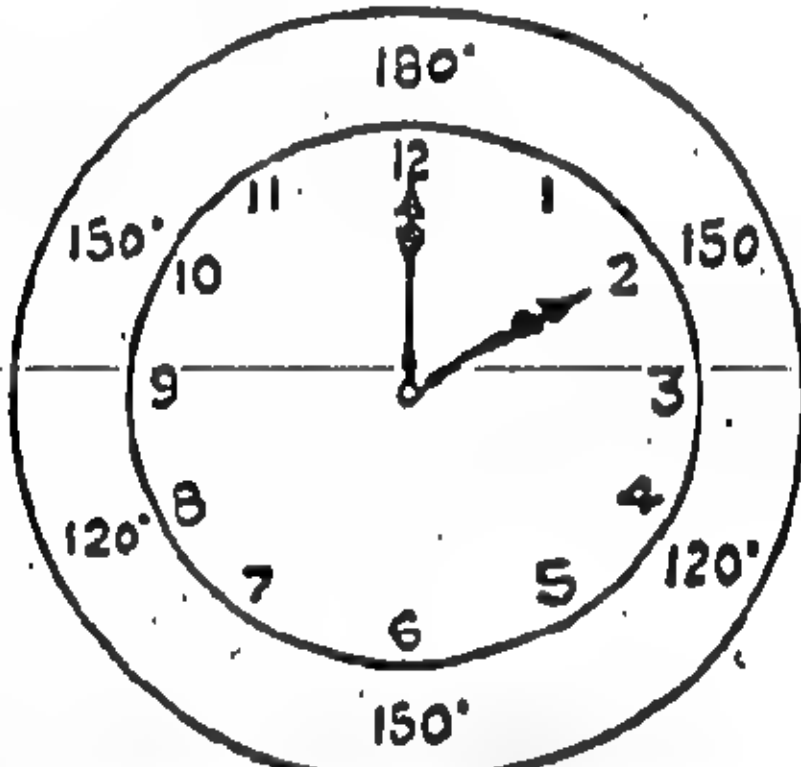
Speed Must Be Gauged

If the ship maintains a steady course, further observations by the submarine permit it accurately to determine what its course and speed should be to attain the desired position. But, if the ship suddenly changes its course, all the submarine's calculations are nullified, and usually it is unable to begin a new approach without coming to the surface and using full speed. With armed escorts present, this procedure is impossible, and the convoy goes on its way in safety.

The escorting vessel or vessels in the van of a convoy make it impossible for a submarine which happens to be in a favourable position, to get more than occasional glimpses of its targets through the periscope.

An accurate shot with a torpedo, unless fired within 300 yards, requires that the course and speed of the target and the angle between the courses of the firing ship and the target, to be closely approximated. Even should a submarine have been so fortunate as to have obtained these data, it is very disquieting to come up and find the entire convoy is off on another course.

For the same reason, a radical change of course is made just before dark, and the base course is not resumed until it will pass a considerable distance to the side of the prolongation of the original course. The same kind of change is made immediately preceding daylight, to elude a submarine which may have passed ahead during the night to assume a favourable position at dawn.



A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 3, 1890. Nobody would think to go through Shanghai village; what a place it is.

The remains of the late Robert Browning are being brought to England for interment in Westminster Abbey.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 3, 1915. His Holiness the Pope has telegraphed to the Kaiser, appealing to his feelings of Christian charity to terminate a disastrous year and begin the new year with an act of imperial generosity by accepting the proposal for an exchange of prisoners, who are unfit for military service, between the belligerents. The Kaiser, replying, assured the Pope that the proposal finds his full sympathy. His answer—"The feelings of Christian charity which inspired this proposal correspond thoroughly with my own conviction and desires."

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Above: A standard "close convoy" is shown in perspective. Destroyers do not necessarily maintain a straight course but zigzag and cover considerable area to keep the water clear of submarines.

Centre: A typical zigzag course which, for simplicity, is shown with equal shifts of course, each of which is followed for an equal period of time.

Below: During the World War a favourite device for following zigzag course was to mark the various courses on a cardboard disk fitted to the face of a clock, so they coincided with the times when they were to be made. When the minute hand reached the new course, the wheel went over to put the change into effect. All changes are made on time alone and no signals are required other than the initial order placing a zigzag in effect. The "clock" shows the variations for the zigzag shown in the centre, assuming that the initial course is 150 degrees.

Colony Has Month of Sunshine and Drought

LAST MONTH was the brightest December in the history of the Colony.

According to official Royal Observatory figures, Hongkong enjoyed no less than 269.2 hours of sunshine during the 31 days of December, which is 20 hours better than the previous maximum of 249 hours.

A thirty-year-old record was thus smashed.

98 Hours Above Normal. The astonishing sunshine figures can be better appreciated when it is stated that the normal sunshine for December is 171 hours. Last month exceeded this by no less than 98 hours.

The low record for December is 71.9 hours, which were recorded 37 years ago.

The aggregate hours of sunshine for the whole of 1939 are not yet available.

Rainless Month. However, another interesting fact about Hongkong's weather during last month was that it ranks with the December of 1894 and 1909 as being the only ones in which no rainfall was recorded.

Temperatures Normal. Curiously enough, although we had no rain and registered a record number of sunshine hours, the December temperature remained at normal levels.

The monthly mean was 63, which is precisely the mean temperature for December. The normal maximum reached 69 degrees, which was slightly above the average normal, namely 67.9, but was not a record. The record normal maximum is 71.2 degrees.

The normal minimum for the month registered 57 degrees compared with 55.9.

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DICTATORS EXCHANGE GREETINGS

Kindred Aspirations Emphasised

BERLIN, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Hitler and Mussolini exchanged New Year greetings, according to the official German News Agency.

Hitler telegraphed: "On the occasion of the New Year, I express my heartfelt congratulations to you, my dear Mussolini, in sincere friendship. Under your strong and tried leadership, may Fascist Italy, allied to National-Socialist Germany, succeed in fulfilling its national tasks."

Mussolini's Reply

Mussolini replied: "I reciprocate in the same brotherly cordiality the congratulations you have expressed to me at the turn of the year. I express the same wishes for Nationalist-Socialist Germany as you have expressed to me for Fascist Italy, namely, that our united peoples may succeed in gaining their aims and securing their future."

Hitler also exchanged greetings with the King and Crown Prince of Italy, the Kings of Bulgaria, Rumania, Belgium, Denmark, Norway and Sweden, the Regents of Yugoslavia and Hungary, General Franco, the Shah of Iran, the King of Afghanistan, the King of the Yemen, the King of Siam, Slovakia, the Czech state and ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

ANGLO-DANISH TRADE TALKS

LONDON, Jan. 2 (British Wire- less).—Prince Axel of Denmark and Mr. Mohr, leaders of the Danish delegation, returned to London to-day to resume the Anglo-Danish trade negotiations which were adjourned over the Christmas holidays.

The rest of the Danish delegation is expected to arrive in London at the end of the week.

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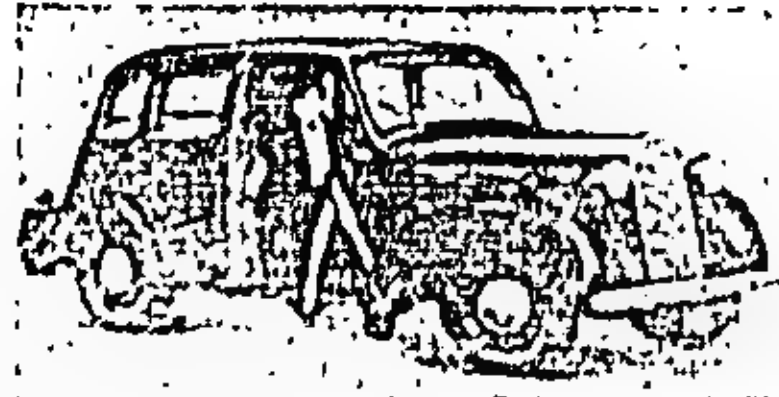
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Outport newspapers please copy.

BIRTH

GROVES.—On January 2, at St.
Paul's Hospital, to Maxine Belle
Groves, wife of Walter M.
Groves, a daughter.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

Wednesday, January 3, 1940.

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Paying For War

During the past two years Ger-
many has put to large a proportion
of its national income into war pro-
duction that it was able to start
hostilities with the maximum of
mechanised force. It appears that
Germany has left little margin for
increasing this production without
depriving the nation of the bare
necessities of life. The time has
come when Britain, too, is swinging
over from a high peace production
to full war production, and its
inherent strength is now manifest-
ing itself.

Britain has large capital resources
and sound currency, and its
external trade, unlike Germany's,
will continue in all parts of the
world. Britain, like Germany, has
to face costs of production which
for most kinds of armaments are
far greater than in the World War.
Some of the modern types of air-
plane cost ten times as much as was
needed to produce a similar type in
1918. It takes twice as much to
equip modern divisions of the army
as to equip the less highly
mechanised divisions in the last war.
For the colossal expenditure now
required Britain must be prepared
to use its great resources till it, too,
reaches a maximum of production.
So far as factories and man-power
are available, there is no estimable
limit to the expenditures which
Britain will incur.

This does not mean that Britain
has a bottomless purse. The
nation cannot devote an ever-
increasing part of its energy and
its money to war production
without decreasing the proportion
devoted to other purposes. That
is to say, the nation must pay for
the war. It must sacrifice other
things to feed the war monster.
Its citizens must spend less on
their daily living in order that the
Government may consume more.
Parliament and people recognised
this when Sir John Simon, Chan-
cellor of the Exchequer, went to
the House of Commons with taxa-
tion demands the likes of which
had never before been con-
templated.

By accepting this sacrifice, the
British agreed to reduce the bur-
den of debt on posterity, and in
so doing to avoid the risk of
present inflation and mounting
prices. It was a bold thing to do
to put so heavy a burden on an
already burdened people. But in
modern warfare the sacrifice must
be universal. This fact as well as
increased costs is sure to engender
some support for peace—whenever
a sound and just peace can be
made.



THE BORE

Hitler: "And I meant him to stay only a little while!"

Men Behind the Siegfried Line

Pen pictures of Hitler's military leaders on the
Western Front, now the main war theatre and
liable any day to blaze up into violent activity

BY WILLI FRISCHAUER

NOMINAL leader of the
German Army in the
West is the shyest of all
the German generals—
WILHELM VON KEITEL, sub-
ordinate only to Hitler, who
has himself assumed supreme
command.

Keitel's recent career is more
suggestive of a military clerk than
a soldier or strategist.

He has worked in the German
War Ministry for many years and
is now 57. During the war of 1914-
18, he commanded an artillery
regiment for a short time, but
afterwards he was a staff officer.

He was given his supreme
position following the army purge
in February, 1938. Hitler then dis-
missed every Reichswehr general
who held ideas of his own. Keitel
was not among them.

REAL position of Com-
mander-in-Chief is held
by a Prussian officer—
WALTER VON BRAUCHITSCH.

Recent events have proved
Brauchitsch to be one of the
Reichswehr generals of the Luden-
dorff type. He holds strong political

views and is extremely nationalist,
but not necessarily a hundred per
cent Nazi. Like Ludendorff, he has
achieved success in the East and
turns now with increased ambitions
to the West.

Brauchitsch is assisted by the
least significant of all German
generals—Artillery General
FRANZ HALDER, his deputy.

The official Nazi biography about
Halder has nothing better to say
of him than that he "expressed
the Reichswehr's respects to
Ludendorff on his seventieth birth-
day."

The others are the men who
really conduct the war. One of
them, General VON RUND-
STEDT, is 63, and is Hitler's
specialist for occupations.
As military commander of Ber-

lin he was for a short time military
dictator of Prussia. His activity
was then chiefly directed against
Nazis and Communists.

Since then he has made it up
with Hitler. He marched into
the Sudetenland at the head of the
German troops last year, and led
the advanced guard of the German
troops against Poland.

He is bald-headed, thin-lipped,
energetic, ruthless and harsh.
It is predicted that General
WALTER VON REICHENAU will
lead the spearhead of the German
attack in the West.

Reichenau is perhaps the only
full-fledged Nazi among the Ger-
man generals. An artillery officer
and a sportsman, he was in com-
mand of the Munich and Leipzig
garrisons under Hitler. He

would have been Hitler's choice as
C.-in-C. had not the army ex-
pressed resentment at the possi-
bility of a party man assuming
command.

Another German general ex-
pected to play a big part in the
West is GUENTER VON KLUGE,
communications expert of the Ger-
man Reichswehr.

Wounded in the Battle of
Yverdon, he has a family tradition
of experience in war against
France. His father was Kluge's
chief assistant in the last war.

Guenter von Kluge has devoted
his life to the study of anti-
French strategy. Hitler recognised
his ambition, and allowed him to
lead the German troops which
occupied the Rhineland. Now
Kluge wants to march into France!

FOUR other generals
will be found on the
Western Front. One is

VON BOCK, formerly attached to
the German Crown Prince staff.
He is a Bavarian and was
given important commands after
the last war. He led the German
troops into Austria in March, 1938.

Another is General VON
BLASKOWITZ, "invader" of
Czechoslovakia. Blaskowitz, how-
ever, is a devoted defender of the
Reichswehr traditions.

General ERST commands the
German troops along the Swiss
frontier. He is a Bavarian and a
Nazi, but his military record is in-
significant. Five years ago nobody
had ever heard of him, even in
Germany. Now he is one of Hitler's
favourites.

Finally we come to GEORG VON
KUECHLER, who is rather a mili-
tary professor than a strategist. He
is responsible for the training of
the troops, and only Hitler's lack of
generals loyal to his regime has in-
duced him to give Kuechler a com-
mand.
He is 58, a man of little person-
ality.

THE German air force in
the West is led by the
Flight-General KESSEL-
RING and JESCHONEK.
Kesselring is an Austrian, one of the
illegal Nazis who betrayed their
country to Hitler. Kesselring is a
Bavarian, and close personal friend
of his chief, Goering.

Jeschonek is only forty, and his
chief qualification for the big job
is his ardent Nazi faith and his
personal bravery as a flyer.

Soviet Open First Cocktail Hall

MOSCOW, Dec. 4.
The Soviet authorities formally
opened their first so-called "cocktail
hall" last night. Thirty waiters
were tailed by official guests in the
State-operated bar in a street named
after Maxim Gorki. The Soviet
Press claims that the bar is decorated
in the highest possible taste.
Soviet alcohol on general sale to
the public is usually less than a year
old. It is therefore apt to be shat-
tering, especially when mixed even
in less than 30 varieties.

CLIPPED WINGS

by John Heygate

FOR the first few weeks the two young
vacuums clung to their mother's
skirts. The country was strange and
cold to them.

They missed the life of the streets, and
the life of the farm was a very poor sub-
stitute. Besides, there was no ice-cream
man!

They seriously thought of running away
to London.

In the third week they showed a little
more interest. They still looked down on
the plodding drudgeries of the farmer and
wondered how he could possibly go on
doing such dull tasks. But they con-
descended to ask questions.

Ernie, the boy, the older, asked: "What
d'you call those, mister?"

"Ducks," said the farmer laconically.

"Why's one got colours on his back and
the other's plain brown?" asked Ernie's
sister, being shut up instantly by her
brother who remembered having seen a
pair of them in a London park. "Why
don't they fly away, Mr. Farmer?" he asked
instead.

"Because their wings is clipped," said the
farmer, and moved away, followed by the
two children, now showing decided signs of
interest.

Next day the children were up early,
watching the farmer feed his two ducks.

"Don't they get tired of swimming round
the same bit of water all day?" asked Ernie.
"It ain't a bit of water," to them,"
replied the farmer. "And why should
they? One place is as good as another



when it's your home." Which was too
much for Ernie and his sister, who retired,
baffled.

But in the evening they were back in
time for feeding. It was the girl's turn:
"What happens when their wings grow?
Don't they fly away, Mr. Farmer?"

"Maybe they do. But they don't go far.
And they comes back."

"Why?"

The farmer looked at the two children.
He scratched his head. "I dunno," he said.

"But I reckon if you were to get your meals
three times a day regular in the same
place—good sound country grub; none of
your ice-creams and stuff—I reckon you
wouldn't fly far neither!"

The farmer was right.

There's no need to clip those children's
wings any more. They've already taken
over the duck-feeding, and that farm to
them is beginning to seem as large a home
as the pond to the ducks!

Complete Failure Of Japanese Offensive In Shensi

CHINESE WON ALL ALONG LINE IN 1939, CLAIM

The failure of the Japanese attempts to complete the occupation of the province of Shensi last year is set out in detail in a report from Hingtsi, Shensi, which alleges that all the "mopping up" operations conducted by the invaders ended in defeat.

Civil Court Action Over City Property

AMENDMENTS TO DEFENCE ALLOWED

Hearing of a dispute regarding property in Des Vocux Road Central and Wing Lok Street, was continued before His Honour the Chief Justice Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Supreme Court to-day.

Plaintiffs are Chan Fui-hing, Chan Sik-tin and Chan Kwok-nim, and as co-owners they declare that, without their knowledge, the property was mortgaged. They ask for a declaration that the signatures are forgeries.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. and Mr. Leo d'Almada, Esq., Jr., instructed by Mr. C. d'Almada, are acting for plaintiffs.

Defendant is Fung Kai-sun and he is represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C. and Mr. H. C. McNamara, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson.

Alternative Defence

At the previous hearing, Mr. Sheldon applied for an alternative defence to be filed and of five amendments. His Lordship allowed three. These are:

(1) that third plaintiff was not Chan Kwok-nim, but had fraudulently impersonated him;

(2) that the first and second plaintiffs were not wholly aware of the impersonation; and

(3) if the plaintiffs were the persons referred to in the statement the defendant was not estopped from saying that the deeds were not executed by them or with their authority and knowledge by reason of their conduct in standing by with full knowledge that the mortgages were forged.

At the last hearing Prof. Jia Tishan of the Hongkong University said the signatures on the mortgages, purported to be those of the plaintiffs, were, in his opinion, different from those written by them in Court.

Evidence of identification concerning third plaintiff, Chan Kwok-nim, was given this morning.

Plaintiff Identified

Young Pak-uk, accountant of the Yau Kee Bank and also exchange broker attached to the Man Fat Bank, said he knew third plaintiff for more than 20 years. They had been school mates. Witness identified Chan in Court and said his name was as given and his alias was Chan Kwok-nim. Chan had a younger brother, Chan Kwok-yiu, alias Chan Chung-wah. Witness had never heard Chan Chung-wah say his name was Chan Kwok-nim.

Questioned by Mr. Sheldon, witness said the last time he saw Chung-wah was in Macao in June or July last. They had also been school mates, and Chung-wah had been living in Hongkong for a long time. He had never been to Kwok-nim's house, but Kwok-nim had visited his shop occasionally, enquiring about the rate of exchange and the rate for Chinese National currency. Witness further said he thought Kwok-nim had gone to the shop only once, and that about a month ago.

Witness said he had never seen Chan Chung-wah and Chan Kwok-nim together in Hongkong.

Mr. Sheldon: I will put it to you formally that Chan Chung-wah and Chan Kwok-nim are the same person.—No.

To Mr. d'Almada, witness said he had seen Chung-wah and Kwok-nim together when they were in school. Witness then identified the photographs of Chung-wah and Kwok-nim, produced in Court.

Manager's Evidence

Lee King said he was the manager of the Lik Tang Company of Con-

naught Road Central and his firm was the agents for the Sul Tai Mining Company of Shanghai. He had been in business in Hongkong since 1928. He knew third plaintiff whose name was Chan Kwok-nim, alias Chan Kiu-lap. He had met third plaintiff in 1933 when there was a transaction and sale of 30,000 pieces of sugar cane made between them. It was Kwok-nim's younger brother, Chan Chung-wah, who introduced Kwok-nim to him. Chung-wah's alias was Kwok-yiu, and he had never known him to call himself Chan Kwok-nim.

Replying to Mr. Sheldon, witness said the last time he saw Chung-wah was sometime towards the end of 1938 or the beginning of 1939. He did not now know where Chung-wah was. Once he had asked Kwok-nim where Chung-wah was, but Kwok-nim had replied that he did not know. Witness also identified a photograph of Chan Chung-wah.

Different Persons

Wong Ping-hung, third plaintiff's brother-in-law, said among Kwok-nim's brothers was Chung-wah. He had never heard of Chung-wah using Kwok-nim as his alias. He had seen the two together. In either July, August or September he had heard that Chung-wah had signed some of the deeds. The last time he saw Chung-wah was in May, 1939.

To Mr. Sheldon, Wong said Chung-wah and Kwok-nim were different persons.

Second plaintiff, Chan Sik-tin, was then recalled to the witness box by Mr. Potter.

Questioned by Mr. d'Almada, Chan said he remembered that when he was cross-examined by Mr. Sheldon he had said: "We know that Chung-wah was in Hongkong on June 30 last. Before that time he had instructed solicitors to take proceedings against Chung-wah." Witness also agreed that he had said: "We told the third plaintiff about the forgery on the day we instructed solicitors to proceed against Chung-wah."

Mr. d'Almada: At that statement it is correct it means that you told Kwok-nim about this before June 10.—I did not inform Kwok-nim that I gave solicitors instructions to proceed. I consulted a solicitor to ask whether I should inform Kwok-nim about this matter; that is what I meant. I consulted the solicitors through first plaintiff because I could not wait.

Writing Expert Testifies

Ngau Tai-yuen, an elderly writing expert then testified. He said he taught reading and writing at the Sai Nam College. He had a literature degree, and between 1915-18 he had been the Chancellor of the Kwangtung Law Institute. He had retired from his post of headmaster of the Hongkong Vernacular Normal and Middle School some five years ago. Calligraphy had been his special study for many years. Witness then compared the signatures on various documents produced.

The case is proceeding.

It is stated that the Japanese put six or seven divisions—over one-eighth of their total number of men in China—on the Shensi field; but despite the help of planes and gases, they failed to make any headway.

At the beginning of 1939, about 20,000 Japanese troops launched an attack on Kihai in West Shensi near the Yellow River bank, but they were buried back in a fortnight.

Chinese Offensive

In April the Chinese took the offensive and, this report claims, eliminated over 12,000 Japanese to score one of the greatest victories of the war.

A fierce drive on Liulin, Chihikow and Kuntai, Yelung crossings in West Shensi, was launched by the Japanese in June in an attempt to cross the stream for an invasion of Shensi. This drive also ended in disaster.

Later a drive towards the Chinese positions in the Chungtao mountain range in South Shensi and towards Yanku, on the Shensi-Honan border, also failed.

Dream Shattered

Then in an attempt to dislodge the Chinese from their bases in South-east Shensi, the Japanese launched a large-scale "clearing up" campaign there in the beginning of July. A large number of men, massed from North Honan and South Shensi, made a push in several columns.

Fighting raged for three months, but by September the Japanese dream of clearing up South-east Shensi was shattered.

Later in the year, the Japanese made a drive towards the Lullang mountain range to the west of the Tung-puchow Railway. This was repulsed.

The tenth "mopping up" campaign in the Chungtao mountain range was launched by the invaders at the beginning of December, but they were again defeated after a fortnight's fighting.

The Japanese suffered about 5,000 casualties, according to the report, and their commander is said to have been killed.

Stiff Fighting North Of Canton

CHUNGKING, Jan. 3 (Reuters).—Planes here by aeroplane from Shanghai, reported that the Canton-Hankow Railway, near the Hunan-Kwangtung border, report that Japanese forces north of Canton are making a determined drive northward along the railway.

While a Japanese column along the railway in Kwangtung troops in the vicinity of Yingteh. It is stated that Japanese forces east of the Railway are trying to reach Shaochow by breaking through the Chinese left wing.

Chinese Onslaughts

CHUNGKING, Jan. 3 (Reuters).—Chinese reports received here from the Nanking front say that the fighting in that area is at present confined to Chinese attempts to seize three strongly-fortified positions north-east of Nanking in the vicinity of the Kunglung Pass.

The Chinese have not been able to dislodge the Japanese from the machine-gun nests guarding the Pass.

Japanese Lose Eight Planes

CHUNGKING, Jan. 3 (Reuters).—Eight Japanese pursuit planes were shot down by Chinese fighters in an aerial battle above Liuchow, Kwangtung, Chinese reports received here.

It is stated that 18 Japanese pursuit aircraft of the 99-type reached Liuchow in the afternoon when Chinese fighters took off from different airfields in the vicinity and attacked the raiders from all directions.

In the course of a very severe battle lasting 15 minutes, it is claimed that the Chinese shot down eight Japanese machines.

Cook-Boy's Big Haul

Robs Master Of \$2,000
Worth Of Jewellery

A former cook-boy, Chan Fat, 21, was charged before Mr. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning with the theft of 23 pieces of jewellery, H.K.\$537.57, and \$140 Chinese currency from his master, Cheng Fuk, 62, a fish dealer.

Sgt. Macvey said Chan was employed at No. 2 Kwan Yick Street, West Point, his wages being \$3 per month. A few days prior to November 6, Cheng lost the keys to his safe. Chan disappeared from the firm on November 6, but the theft was not discovered until November 10, when a locksmith was hired to open the safe. Chan was arrested in Kowloon on January 1. None of the stolen property was recovered. The jewellery was worth \$2,000.

Asked what he had done with the stolen property, Chan said he had been lured to Macao by a friend, and he was everything in gambles. He was sentenced to six months' hard labour on the lazeau count, and to a further nine months in lieu of compensation.



KIDDIES' FAVOURITE KILLED BY WILD DOGS

HONGKONG kiddies are mourning the death of a great favourite. "Snaps," known to all children who patronise the Hongkong Riding School—he is pictured above—died on December 30.

The pack of wild dogs roaming the Tai Hang area were responsible for the tragedy.

"Snaps" was attacked by the pack whilst following the horses shortly before Christmas.

The wild dogs inflicted terrible injuries on the plucky pet of Hongkong's kiddies, who fought gamely until he was completely overpowered. Only the timely arrival of Bob Charles, "Snaps" owner, and other horsemen saved the dog from being literally torn to pieces.

Some time ago, it will be recalled, the wild dogs roaming Tai Hang became so numerous and ferocious that steps were taken to exterminate them. Apparently, the pack has again grown to dangerous dimensions.

EUROPEANS ROBBED

Considerable Property
Is Stolen

Jewellery and cameras to the value of \$554 were stolen from No. 17 Felix Villas, Eddistum, yesterday. The property belonged to Mr. R. J. Minnit.

The same thief apparently entered the residence occupied by Mr. and Mrs. P. C. M. Sedgwick, of the same address. Jewellery, money and clothing to the value of \$237 were stolen from this house.

Mr. A. F. Knudsen, residing in the Kowloon Hotel, reported to the Police yesterday that a suitcase containing crockery valued at \$35 was stolen from the hotel in the early morning.

Clothing worth \$6 was stolen from the roof of 43 Hillwood Road yesterday. It was the property of Mr. T. S. Lane.

STOCK EXCHANGE ACTIVITY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—On the Stock Exchange, the week-end accumulation of buying orders caused an early brisk activity, which, however, was not maintained, though prices held the initial gains.

Industrial and home finance shares were particularly prominent on a good investment demand from the provinces.

Of the commodities, shellac was firm and there was a good trade in investment demand for cotton in Liverpool.

American futures closed with the permissible advance of 25 points on general buying.

Well Street was steady.

INTERNEE'S ATTACK ON VISITING DOCTOR

Dr. Tai, medical officer in charge of the Argyle Street Internment Camp, was the complainant to-day in a case which was brought before Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy.

The defendant, Yip Kwai, a soldier interned in the camp, was charged with assault and disorderly conduct on New Year's Day.

In giving evidence, Dr. Tai said that at 5.30 p.m. on January 1 when he was leaving one of the huts, the defendant seized him and threatened him with injury. Defendant was violent.

A number of other internees aided Dr. Tai, who managed to escape. When Dr. Tai was walking across the compound, the defendant threw stones at him.

In admitting the charge of assault, defendant said that he had no blanket and on finding the doctor he seized hold of him.

Inspector Rogers said that during the recent transfer of the camp there had been considerable trouble over the blankets as some of the internees had taken more than their share. The men, he said, did not like Dr. Tai and whenever there was any trouble they blamed the doctor.

The authorities take a serious view of this matter, he said, "as there have been a number of disturbances at the camp already. As there are over 700 men there a small disturbance of this kind might easily result in a riot."

Defendant was sentenced to two months' imprisonment on the charge of assault and a month's imprisonment on the charge of disorderly

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BRITAIN DECLARES WAR-ON BOREDOM

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—A great step forward in the "war against boredom," which has been waging while active operations are delayed, has been taken by the decision of the military authorities that various social welfare organisations, such as the Salvation Army, Y.M.C.A., Church and Army may now go ahead with plans to provide canteens and social centres for the troops in the British Zone, says "Reuters" special correspondent with the B.E.F. in France.

The Organising Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., interviewed, outlined the plans to establish centres comprising recreation rooms, reading and writing rooms, concert halls and canteens staffed by several hundred Y.M.C.A. workers, while a fleet of 50 large vans fitted as travelling tea-shops and libraries have combined to visit isolated posts and units.

Colonel Booth Davey, leader of the Salvation Army in the British Zone, said that there will be Salvation

Army centres in 24 towns, of which 11 will have sleeping accommodation for troops stranded in passing through, while six mobile canteens are coming from England next week. The Salvation Army also wants to provide ambulances for the men on active service not only in the British Zone, but also in the French armies. Colonel Davey added that the French military authorities have asked the Salvation Army to organise 600 canteens and recreation rooms behind the Magnot Line. The French will provide the building while the Salvation Army will furnish the personnel.

Around The Courses

NEW YEAR AT THE COUNTRY CLUB

Vandals On Horseback: Collecting Money For The British Red Cross

(By "Birdie")

ONE COULD NOT HAVE WISHED for finer weather than that of the New Year holidays. The course at Sheungshui looked very fine under the brilliant sun, but its lovely surface was the covering of a hard and sub baked soil. Puffs of "smoke" signalled where the ball had fallen. A little extra covering of sand on the greens, however, made them quite playable.

In weather such as this it is difficult keeping the course in good playing condition, and I can assure the two "sportsmen" on horseback who galloped over the course on New Year's day from one end to the other that the Club does not need their efforts to till the soil. Unfortunately, the course had only a few players thereon, and these two "gentlemen" were out of range of both voice and ball.

There could be no question that they had not recognised a golf course, and indignation in the club house was high at such vandal trespassing. A country yokel would have known better.

THE semi-final matches of the Junior Championship, and the first round matches of the Ladies Championship were played off on Sunday.

After being all square at the turn, George Lee beat W. C. Hung 3 and 2, while in the other match, S. V. Gittins beat A. R. de Pinna 7 and 0 after being 4 up at the turn.

The results of the women's matches were: Miss A. Sequeira easily beat Miss E. Ford, Miss Mabel Churn beat Miss L. Hung 3 and 2.

Mrs. C. Remedios beat Miss Molly Churn 5 and 4. Byes into the second round were Mrs. Norah Lee v. Miss M. Mooney, and Mrs. A. J. Kew v. A. G. Botelho.

THE draw for the Captain's Cup competition proper is as follows:

G. Lee v. B. Basto; R. E. Lee v. E. Sadler; T. Y. C. Lee v. S. V. Gittins; C. H. T. Suen v. A. W. Ramsey; A. J. Kew v. M. F. de Pinna; A. T. Lee v. C. Kew; P. C. K. Tyan v. A. A. Lopes; E. J. M. Churn v. J. J. Basto.

Entries for the Senior Championship are now twelve. The qualifying round will be played off on January 14, and members are reminded that the closing date for entries is January 7.

THE hordes of Genghis Khan and Tamerlane had little on the army of players and endies and spectators that moved off from the first tee of the Country Club on New Year's Day.

It was a five-a-side match, with all ten playing together. The golf, considering what had been the night before, was quite good, and the game was most entertaining. The weak link, however, was the players, who the night before had done everything but succumb to what he had imbibed. He took ten for the first hole, but thereafter improved enormously and averaged seven's.

FEW people anticipated that aid to the B. be such a great fund at Home.

Red Cross ton, of course, as Mary Colton, the central figure, and her now very nearly £2,500 in collection.

He and H. G. Bentley beat R. Burton and H. E. Walker by 6 and 5 in a 36-hole match on the St. Annen Old Links, and the match realised £200.

His record sum, however, was taken at Mortmain on November 26. He was playing with W. Shankland, R. Burton and Alex. Kyle, and with the auction of the balls, £680 was received. This effort from Leeds, beats the previous high sum, both over £800, which were taken at Edinburgh and Southampton.

IT will be recalled that during one of the recent matches in Scotland, enemy planes appeared in an air raid. Bursts in the sky revealed that the planes were, being engaged by the A.A. batteries, and beyond occasional glances there none of the golfers were seriously concerned.

Henry Cotton dealt with this incident during a broadcast and remarked that he did not know whether the entertainment afforded on the links was greater than the new diversion of watching air raids!

He spoke on the reason why more golf matches are being played in Scotland during the War than in England. Courses in Scotland, he said, were more accessible than those



Drizzling the ball during the Club-Navy rugby match at Happy Valley last Saturday. The Navy beat Club by 14 points to three.—Mae Cheung.

Million Peso Hai-alai Project in Manila

A GROUP of Manila and Shanghai businessmen, states a U.P. message from Manila, has organized a million peso hai alai corporation there, and the grounds on which their auditorium will stand will be broken at a ceremony on January 15, 1940.

Haig Assadourian and Teodoro Jauregui, who promoted the game in Shanghai and Tientsin, are on the board of directors of the local corporation, which is headed by Adrian Goh. Joaquin "Mike" Elizalde, Philippines Resident Commissioner at Washington, is the vice-president. The local group plans to shift leading hai alai players between Barcelona, Madrid, San Sebastian, Manila, Shanghai and Tientsin in order to secure the best available talent and provide the spectators with new faces. Manila sporting circles believe the game would prove most popular in Manila because of the Spanish background.

AMERICAN CRUSADE TO "CLEAN UP" PROFESSIONAL BOXING

WASHINGTON, (UP).—Rep. Ambrose J. Kennedy, of Maryland has opened a crusade to "clean up" professional boxing by placing the fight game under federal control. When Congress convenes early in January, Representative Kennedy will introduce a bill to that effect.

Without wishing to spray any frigid liquid upon Kennedy's brain child, we would suggest that the good Congressman introduce a bill instead to have J. Edgar Hoover and his "G" men scour the nation for a top-flight heavyweight challenger. Such a measure, we believe, would have more chance of passing and of functioning.

As we recall, there have been other legislators in the past who campaigned for federal control of fistfights, but they never made much headway. And Jack Dempsey has been advocating a federal boxing czar ever since Gene Tunney got that long count in Chicago.

Kennedy will find it very difficult to get his bill passed, because such legislation involves state's rights. In every state where the fight game flourishes, the state politicians regard it as a sort of plum from which patronage can be bestowed—not directly in a financial sense, but in a vote getting sense. Because of this angle, commissions, in the important boxing states, seldom pull together when the success of promoters, managers or even big-time boxers are threatened by proposed action by an outside commission.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER... REMEMBER, for example, how the Illinois commission, snickered at the New York commission when Chicago got the Braddock-Louis title scrap? A fight that was banned in New York because it gave the run-around to Max Baer, New York's No. 1 challenger.

Remember also how Philadelphia and the first Dempsey-Tunney tilt, Cleveland got the Schmeling-Cleveland bout. "We got to protect our home folks," you know.

And speaking of state's rights, isn't it a bit coincidental that Rep. Kennedy's crusade follows in the wake of a very questionable decision at Washington, D.C., which gave a duel to featherweight champion Jess Archibald of Providence, R.I., over Harry Jeffra of Baltimore. Our geography teacher always told us that Baltimore was in Maryland. Officials of the National Boxing Association joined in the tumult and shouting over that decision. Archibald's manager, Al Weill, claims that some of the N.B.A. officials hollered from Maryland.

THREATENING LETTERS WE do not know if that be true. Anyway, Weill received letters threatening Congressional action against boxing unless he agreed to

Tennis Semi-finals Of Women's Championship

The semi-finals of the Colony women's tennis championships will be held at 3 p.m. on January 6 and January 14 at the U.S.R.C.

In the singles on Saturday, Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu will meet Miss J. Reeve and Mrs. E. Litton will meet Miss M. Stokes.

In the doubles on January 14 Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. W. Knight will meet Miss M. Griffiths and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu and Mrs. Lado and Mrs. Churchill will meet Mrs. Hyde and Mrs. Litton.

Rifle Shooting

LIGHT ROBS F. P. SEQUEIRA OF "CENTURY"

Capt. F. P. Sequeira, Hongkong Volunteers, was unfortunate not to register the 100 mark in Saturday's spoon and practice shoot at Stonecutters when failing light prevented him from securing best results at the longest range. He was very unlucky at 600 where he wanted a 34 to complete his century, but after starting off with five bulls he ended in fast failing light with a magpie and an inner for 98. He won the nett spoon in the aperture sights event.

There was a good gathering, about 35 attending. The day was fair for shooting, the wind being more or less down the range.

Sgt. R. J. Heap, Range Staff, won the open sights event with 85, which was considered a good effort as it is some time since he has used this type of rifle.

Handicap spoons were won by Cpl. A. F. Ferreira, Volunteers, in the open sights, and by A. Simpson, Dockyard, in the aperture sights.

At to-day's shoot at Kowloon City firing will be at 200, 500 and 600 yards, commencing at 1.45 p.m. There will also be revolver shooting. Results of Saturday's meeting:

Aperture Sights		Hep 200	500	600	Ttl
Capt. F. P. Sequeira	34	24	32	28	94
Sgt. G. E. Breece	23	31	32	28	94
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Cpl. S. G. Bright	23	31	32	28	94
Cpl. L. Langley	23	31	32	28	94
Cpl. F. C. Cole	23	31	32	28	94
Cpl. Trenouth	23	31	32	28	94
Cpl. A. Guard	23	31	32	28	94
Cpl. J. F. Ferreira	23	31	32	28	94
Cpl. J. S. Breece	23	31	32	28	94
A. Simpson	11	20	28	27	86
E. J. Mitchell	9	28	25	25	77

Open Sights

Sgt. R. J. Heap

Cpl. J. M. Xavier

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E. J. Mitchell

SPEED RIVALRY ENDED BY THE WAR

Present Land Record Should Remain

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (U.P.).—Many years may pass before Utah's Bonneville salt speedway sees another racing car and the present land speed record may stand for a long time, Gus Backman, president of the Bonneville racing association, believes.

Europe's war is the primary reason for these predictions, Backman declared. It was pointed out that after John Cobb, British speed king, made a new world's record of 268.85 miles an hour, he said his return to the salt speedway—the only place in the world depend on whether war broke out in Europe.

Moreover, there is only one other car in the world that could even come near to breaking Cobb's mark

and that is owned by another Briton—Capt. G. E. T. Eyston. Neither he nor Cobb wish to risk their high-powered and high-priced speedsters in crossing an ocean infested with German U-boats.

COBB WITHOUT RIVAL

COBB, who now holds all records between one kilometer and 10 miles indicated last summer he would not return to the salt if war started.

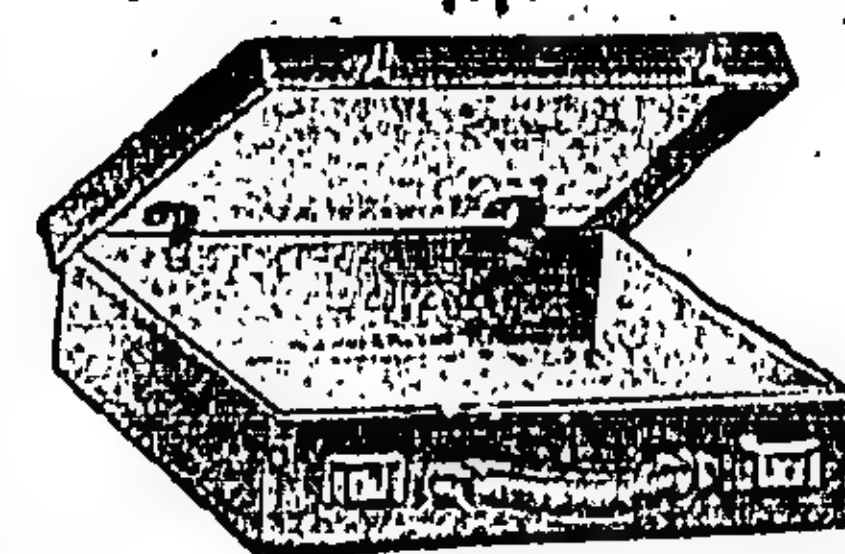
"My future plans depend entirely on the actions of Herr Hitler," he declared. That was on Aug. 26. A week later his nation was at war with Germany.

Exactly what Eyston is doing has not been announced, but a recent news reel showed a new British sub-chaser with the craft's designer at the wheel. The man at the wheel was Eyston.

With Cobb and Eyston removed temporarily from the world's Big Three of racing, only Ab Jenkins, American holder of all standing mile records, remains as a possibility for runs on the salt flats during war years.

NO MOTORS AVAILABLE

BUT Jenkins' Marmion Meteor III does not have the power of Cobb's Ralston Red Lion. Nor is there a motor in the United States—



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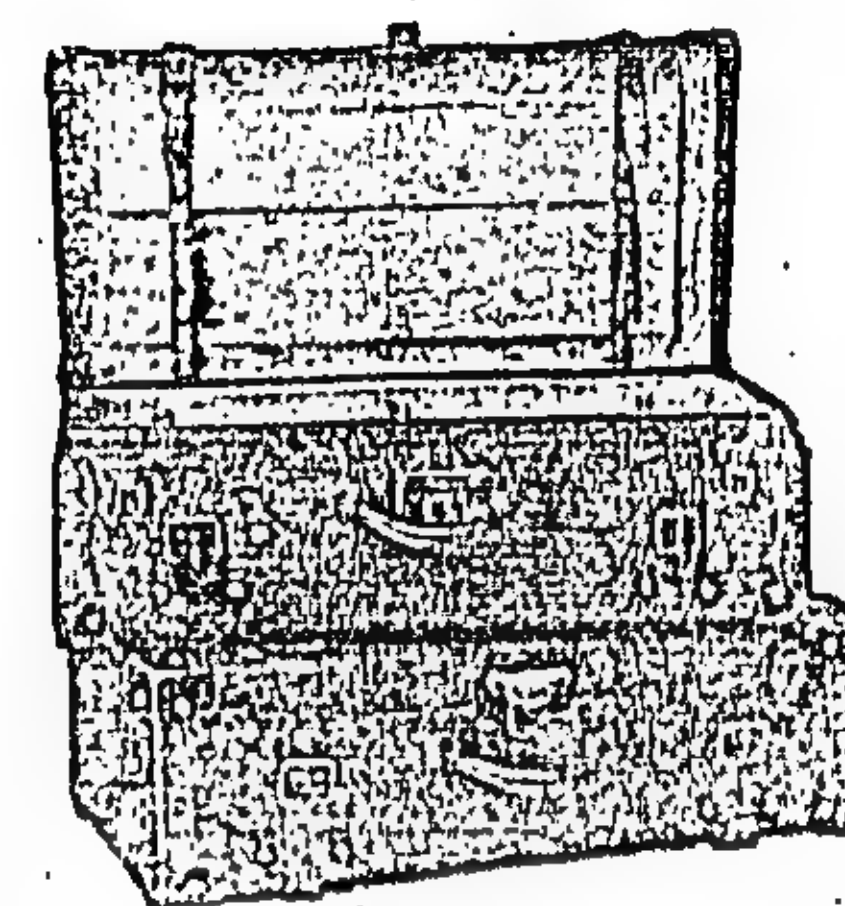
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One-Club Golf Competition At Kowloon

W. V. Ahern returned the winner card 89 (8) 81 in the One-Club Competition held at Kowloon Golf Club during the holidays. Other scores were:—W. Davenport 100 (15) 85, A. A. Lopes 96 (9) 87.

Following is the draw for Sunday's play off of the high handicap competition: 900 T. Henderson, A. G. Rutfield, 904 F. Sale, G. Frost, 905 R. A. C. Easto, J. G. Humble, 912 F. Lawrence, H. Bristo, 910 H. J. Grosse, W. Webber, 920 C. Moss, J. M. Lloyd, 924 P. Finlayson, L. Jack, 929 W. Davenport, W. Kershaw.

speed records now held by the English fur broker.

"All in all, it would cost about \$1,000,000 to put a car on the salt capable of bettering Cobb's record," Backman said. "A pair of motors alone would probably cost half the amount because special molds and dies would have to be cut."

"Unless some American motor manufacturer becomes interested in the speed records, it looks like we won't have any American racing in the flying mile group for some time," he said.

Cobb was fortunate in obtaining his twin Napier Lion engines to power the turtle-shaped Red Lion. The motors were borrowed from the British government after they had been used in England's Schneider cup race airplanes. Converted for land use, the motors proved to be the best possible for high speed racing.

GLENN LEE AGREES TO FIGHT AGAIN IN MANILA

JESS CORTES, Manila boxing promoter who staged the middleweight championship fight between Ceferino Garcia, champion, and Glen Lee, to-day announced that Lee had agreed to return to Manila in March to fight Luis Logan states a United Press message from Manila.

Logan, former light-heavyweight champion of Europe and the Orient, recently expressed his desire to come out of retirement and fight either Lee or Garcia.

Although Logan has not fought for a couple of years, here because of lack of opposition, he is in good shape since he continually work out.

In opposing Lee he will probably have the advantage of some fifteen pounds. Lee called, together with Garcia for the United States aboard the President Pierce. Lee had earlier agreed to any over here if a bout could be arranged with Logan immediately. Such an arrangement, however, could not be made and thus he promised to return here in March for a bout with Logan, Cortes said.

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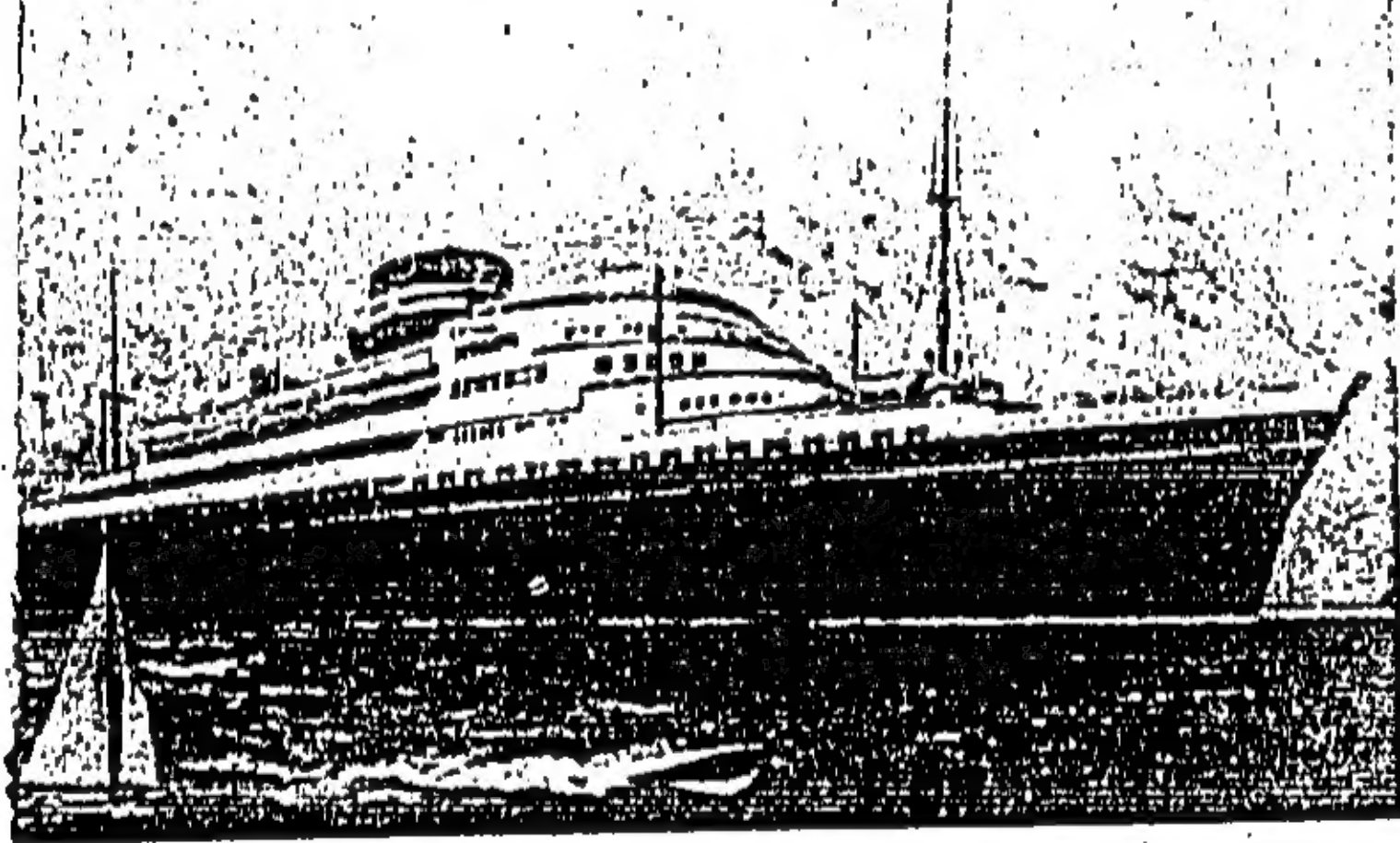
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is conducting the war "humanely"—and the heroism of
a boy of fourteen.

How the men of the British freighter Heronspool fought a
running battle with a U-boat for seven hours and, after the ship
had been sunk, drifted in leaking boats till they were picked up
by the U.S. liner President Harding, was told by the fourteen-year-
old mess boy, Frank Elders, of Hartlepool.

"LET US FISH FOR MINES"

Seamen Join Up

"We do not forget that the
safety of these islands depends
on the untiring watchfulness
of our seamen, as it has done
since the days of Queen Eliza-
beth," Mr. Chamberlain's tri-
bute to British seamen in his
speech last night.

THE fishermen of Britain are
volunteering in hundreds to sweep
Hitler's mines out of the sea.

Although the Admiralty emergency
appeal for volunteers was only issued
on a recent Friday night, R.N.R.
registrars were besieged with inquiries
on the following day. So great was
the rush that some officers were kept
open last night.

lost His Father

At Great Yarmouth are found men
just returned from the fishing
grounds eagerly seeking further de-
tails of the Navy's call. Said young
Fred King: "I'm off to volunteer,
and so are plenty of other young
chaps I know. If Hitler thinks he'll
scare us with his old mines, he's
mighty mistaken."

"There's plenty of dangers at sea
at any time, and mines and sub-
marines only make things more ex-
citing."

The Grimsby recruiting office was
filled with volunteers. One of them,
George Foley, lost his father recently
in a mined trawler.

"I was going in any case," he said,
"but the loss of my father makes me
still more keen."

Whole Crew Join Up

At Lowestoft drifter crews were
deciding to volunteer in one batch,
in the hope that they would be called
on to serve together.

Among the Hull volunteers was
a man who enrolled with his two sons
and two sons-in-law.

The Admiralty appeal was ad-
dressed primarily to men who have
had not less than one year's experi-
ence in a deep sea fishing vessel.
Others may be accepted, however, if
the registrar, R.N.R., is satisfied that
their general experience is satis-
factory.

Deep-Sea Gun To Be Used To Get Radium

"FISHING" for deposits of radium
which are believed to lie at the
bottom of the Pacific will be carried
out by the South Pacific expedition
organised by the National Geographic
Society and the University of Vir-
ginia.

The radium deposits are not be-
lieved to be of commercial values,
but they may contain vast stores of
heat and energy producing changes
in the ocean basins and the earth's
crust, the National Geographic
Society announced.

From Ocean Bottom

To search for the radium the
expedition will use a "deep-sea gun,"
which can be fired on the bottom of
the ocean as far as six miles down.
The gun is lowered to the bottom on
a cable, and is fired automatically.
The explosion drives a hollow metal
tube deep into the ocean floor. When
the tube is hauled to the surface it
contains a cross section of "core" of
the ocean bottom sediment which has
been slowly accumulating for millions
of years, states the British United
Press.

Deep-sea radium deposits are be-
lieved to have played an important
part in the past history of the earth,
perhaps influencing the formation of
ocean basins and the development of
the earth's crust. The expedition
hopes to shed new light on these
problems.

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age. Refuse anything else.

U-Boat Holed By "Victim"

Hitler got bit when a German
U-boat attacked a British armed
merchant vessel. This first story
of a fight involving an armed mer-
chant ship has reached Malta
House, London, from Antonio
Cujajar, a Maltese seaman, who
has just returned to Cardiff.

When the ship was attacked it
promptly returned, the U-boat's
fire and holed the submarine.
A British destroyer, attracted by
the firing, sped to the scene.
The U-boat, unable to submerge
with a damaged hull, was at the
warship's mercy. Within a few
minutes she was destroyed.

AMERICA'S BID FOR AIR POWER 70,000 Airmen By End Of 1941

That was the prediction made
by Robert H. Hinckley, chair-
man of the Civil Aeronautics
Authority, when he returned
home for a brief vacation.

Flying in mass formation, 70,000
pilots would cover an area of about
50 square miles—enough to cast a
shadow over New York City. But
Hinckley said that at the present rate
of increase, including the C.A.A.
pilot training programme, America's
potential air power easily would
reach the 70,000 mark in three years.
"At present 26,144 pilots hold cer-
tificates, an increase of 6,000, or 30 per
cent, within the year," Hinckley said.
"With the progress that has been
made the number of fliers will be
tripled within three years."

Plane Output Keeps Step

Another indication of America's
growth in the air is being recorded
in the plane production.

During the first six months of this
year, 1,627 airplanes were built for
domestic use, compared to 850 for
the first six months of 1938, the
C.A.A. chief said.

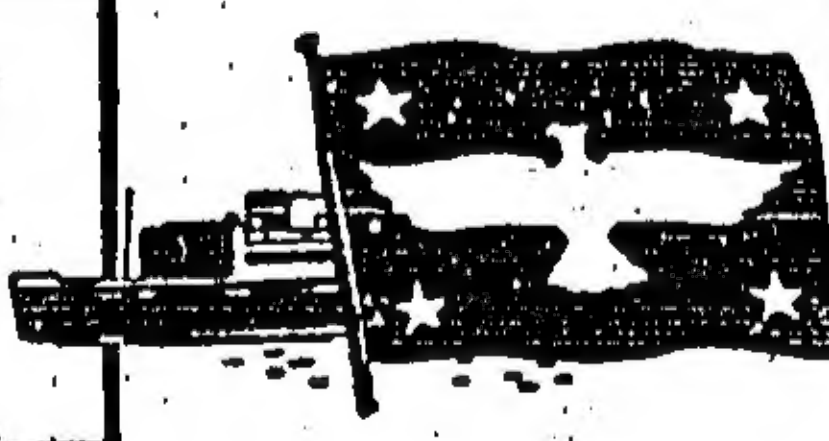
"At the same time, it is nearly
three times safer for a person to fly
the nation's airways this year than
it was last year," he declared. "Dur-
ing the authority's first year of
functioning there were only three
fatal accidents on the nation's air-
lines and only one pilot killed. The
statistical records show 72,000,000
miles flown per pilot fatality, 51-
700,000 miles per passenger fatality,
and 24,300,000 miles per fatal ac-
cident."

Airlines Are Praised

In reviewing the accomplishments,
Chairman Hinckley gave credit to
operators of airlines for a remark-
able record, stating that they had co-
operated fully with the authority by
improving equipment and personnel,
and by seeking to improve the utility
of all flying.

"Advancement of the industry has
also been reflected in travel," he
said. "Up to June of this year, a
64 1/2 per cent increase in passenger
travel was shown over June, 1938."
This increase, although encourag-
ing to Hinckley, caused a trouble-
some delay when he was called back
to Washington at the outbreak of the
European war. The C.A.A. director
was unable to book passage out of
Salt Lake City because of full re-
servations. He waited nearly a full
day before obtaining a seat on an
eastbound plane.
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A black and white fashion illustration of a woman standing. She is wearing a wide-brimmed hat with a dark band. Her coat has a thick, light-colored fur collar and a large, ornate belt with a central buckle. The skirt is flared and reaches down to her knees. She is wearing dark, pointed-toe shoes. The illustration is done in a sketchy, stippled style.

London, Jan. 2.
The Admiralty announced the withdrawal of five gunboats of the Angise Patrol in October, and a further three last month.
His Majesty's Government has now decided to lay up two of the remaining three gunboats in the Upper Angise, making a total of 10 withdrawn, and decommissioned from the Angise since October.—United Press.

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Furs in colour are a high fashion note. Here, moleskin is dyed spruce green to harmonize with a woollen dress in a lighter tone of the same colour. The pulled beret is matching felt with gray and white coq feathers across the back.

SOME of the most fascinating and glamorous women of history were redheads, Cleopatra and Queen Elizabeth are well known examples of women who owed much of their ability to turn the heads of men and rule the destiny of nations to their flaming copiers of hair. Red-headed girls you see on the screen to-day are redheads, too. Myrna Loy, Katherine Hepburn, Ann Sheridan and charming Janet Gaynor have red hair and consider it a major asset.

If you are the fortunate possessor of this flaming hair, you should take care of your precious hair and make it truly your "crowning glory." Do not trust its coppery colour to harsh soaps, chemicals or bleaches. But give it that glowing, burnished look that comes from perfect cleanliness and lots of brushing and polishing.

A lot of brushing, too, so the hair is very soft, elastic and shining all over your entire head. You may then dampen your hair slightly if necessary to deepen the wave or set the end curls. If you have your coiffure arranged at a beauty salon, allow the hair to dry naturally. Your hair can be dried under slow heat.

With brushing and proper care, your hair should be sufficiently slick and soft without the use of brilliantine or a hair dressing. If you do use one have it sprayed or brushed over the hair, not rubbed into it. Be sure to leave dark streaks instead of emphasizing the highlights. Here's a trick that will give the desired effect: When your hair is dry and the curls and waves have been brushed into place, arranged, hold the brilliantizing atomizer in your hand and spray it with your head and anax. Jlahty

If you have more leisure and are willing to go to more trouble and expense, an egg-shampoo is another suggestion. This is the method that exotic Katherine Hepburn uses to keep her coppery-red hair lovely and healthy. She uses the yolks and the whites of four fresh eggs.

She then takes a long-bristled, flexible brush to remove all traces of lint and grime and to stimulate the circulation in the scalp. She then beats the whites and yolks of the eggs separately through her hair with her fingertips, for several minutes, then works the egg whites into her hair and over her scalp with her fingertips. When every hair has been cleansed by the foamy egg mixture, she rinses, continuously with tepid water, until no foam will all off. The egg has been removed.

She uses the strained juice of one fresh lemon to each pint of water used for rinsing—this usually means three or four lemons. When the hair is thoroughly clean, she removes the excess water with a cloth, washes, and rinses. She finishes the dry styling by running her fingers through the strands of hair and tossing them about with her hands.

When the hair is thoroughly dry, she goes at it with a clean brush and brushes vigorously up, brushing the hair in every direction to exercise the scalp and polish every strand of hair.

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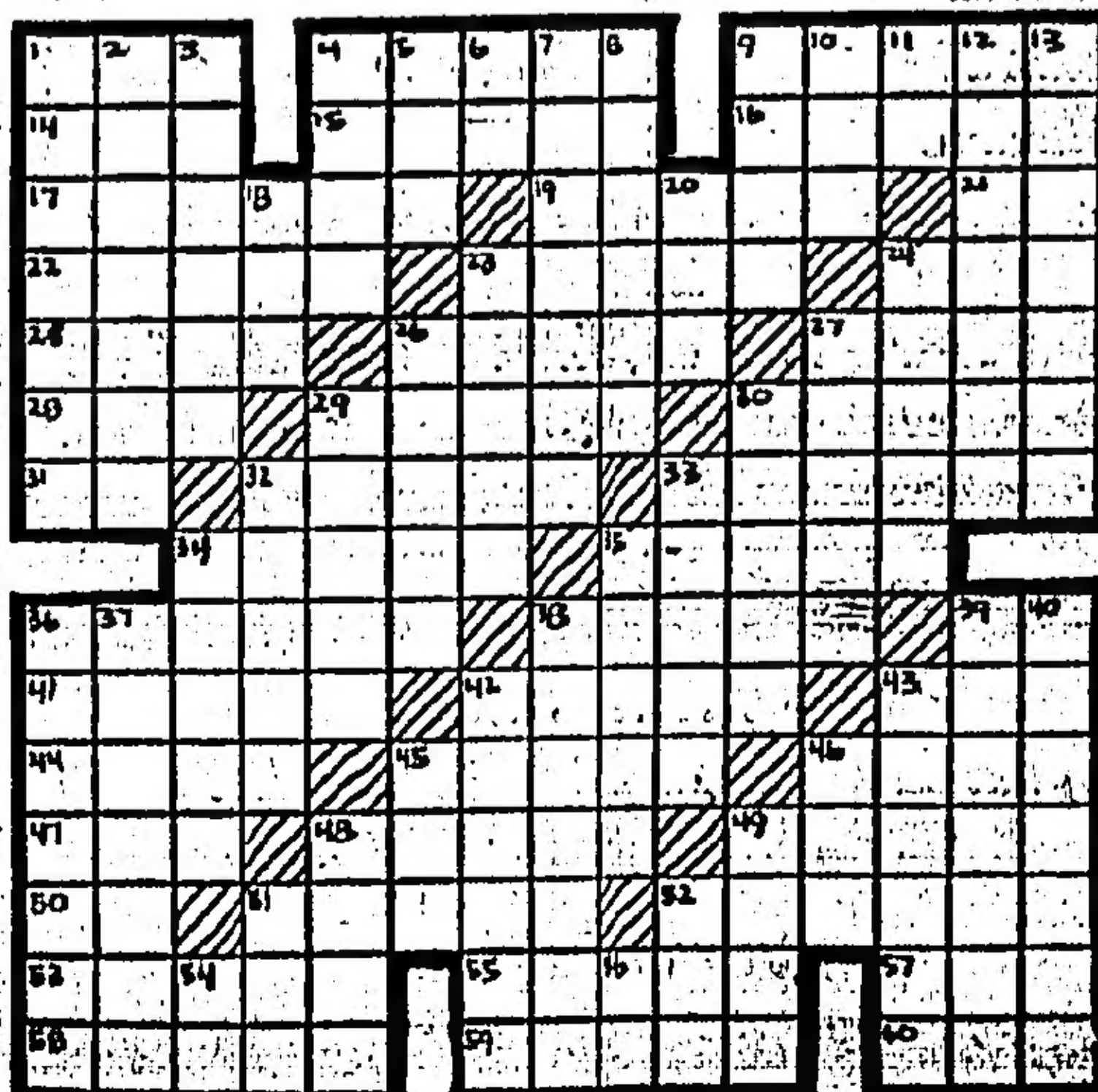
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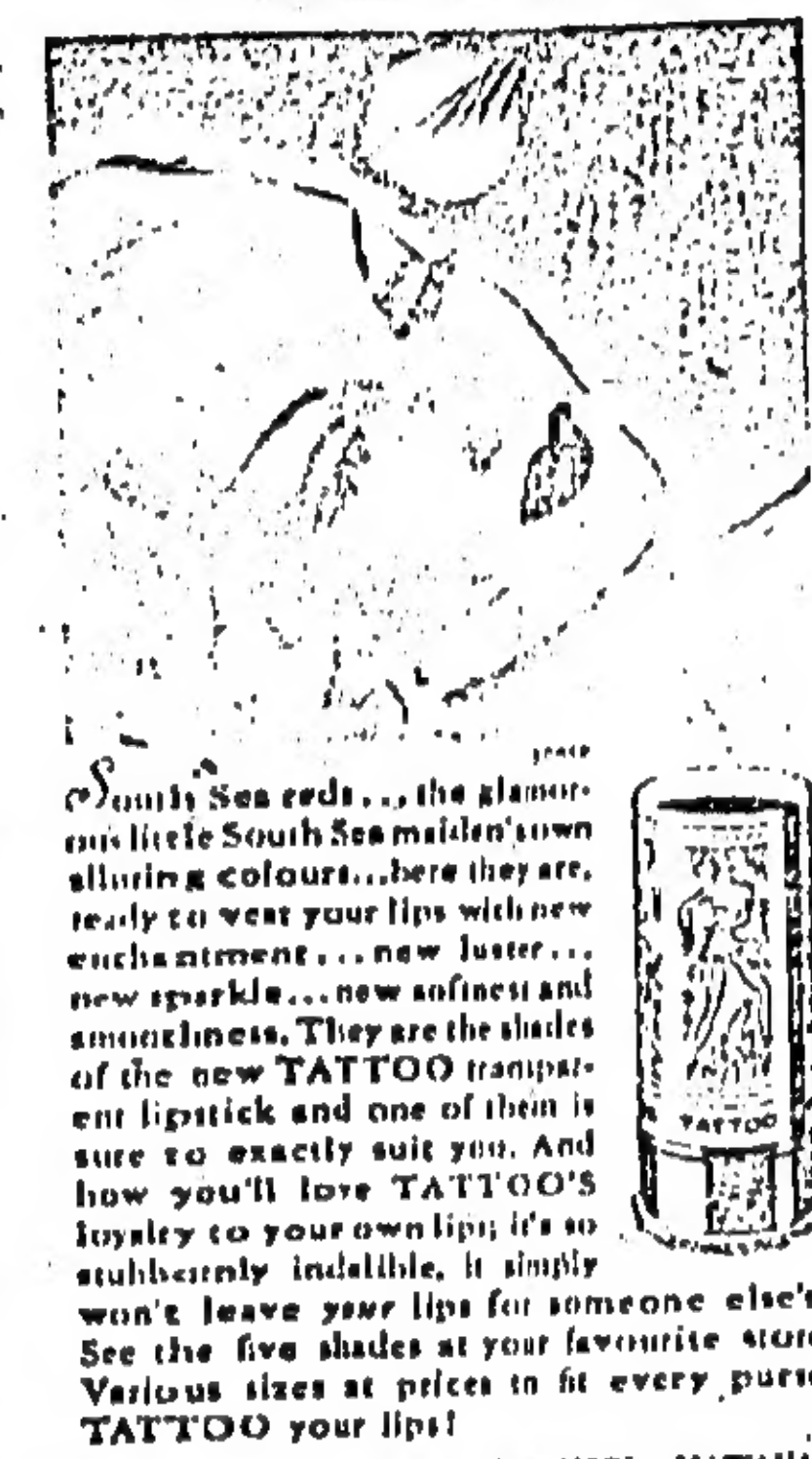
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Fortune is Awaiting Lost Song Writer

A STRANGE FATE IS THAT OF THE YOUNG JAROMIR VEJVODA.
Jaromir, formerly a Czech, and now technically a German subject, is the composer of "Beer Barrel Polka," to the rousing strains of which British troops are marching to war.
The song has had such a spectacular success that a huge sum is piling up in royalties, but Jaromir cannot be located, and in any case the money cannot be sent to him because of the Act which forbids trading with the enemy.
The song was written in 1934 and became the rage of Prague under the title of "Skoda Lasky," meaning "Ply of Love." It was then a sentimental ballad, mourning "wasted love that I gave you, my eyes to-day keep on crying."

Nazis Claim To Have Sunk More Than 1,000,000 Tons Of Allied Shipping
BUT REAL FACTS WILL BE FOUND BELOW
LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The German boast that over a million tons of Allied and neutral shipping has been sunk is the usual exaggeration.
The average weekly loss of British tonnage in 16 weeks is 25,000. The average weekly increment by new construction and otherwise is 25,000.

True Figures
Total losses to the end of the year were as follows:
Seventeen Naval vessels, including eight warships, with a total displacement of 53,120 tons;
Nine chartered vessels, namely the Havapindi and eight trawlers and drifters, with a total of 19,000 gross tonnage;
One hundred and seventeen British, 12 Allied and 81 neutral merchant ships with a total gross tonnage respectively of 421,404, 70,101 and 243,222.
It is misleading to add the gross and displacement of tonnage.
Neutrals will doubtless note the German boast of destruction of defenceless neutral merchant vessels, says this special commentary.

Huge Mineral Wealth
Canada's New Record In Production
LONDON, Jan. 2 (British Wire- less).—The value of mineral production in Canada in 1939 is estimated at \$470,170,000—an all-time high record, representing a six per cent. increase over the preceding year and three per cent. over 1937 when the previous highest was reached.
New output records are reported for antimony, gold, copper, zinc, nickel, cadmium, crude petroleum, natural gas, gypsum, sulphur, and lime.
Several new gold mines reached production stage and the gold productive field was widened.
Increase In Iron Ore
Iron ore was produced on a commercial scale for the first time in 16 years at Michipicoten, and this was perhaps the most significant development of the year in the Canadian mining industry.
A considerable amount of prospecting and development work was carried out in those metals and ores which have not, as yet, been produced to any great extent in Canada but which are important for war purposes. These metals include molybdenum, manganese, mercury and tungsten.
It is also reported that several new oil-wells were brought into production in Alberta.

Message To Congress
Roosevelt To Call For United U.S.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt's annual message at the opening of Congress to-morrow is expected to be devoted primarily to the need for stronger defences in view of world conditions.
It is believed that he may also set for great national unity and less partisanship in order that America may present a united front in world peace efforts.
Major Congress Battle
No startling innovations in legislation are expected, but a major battle looms over continuance of the Administration's reciprocal trade programme, which is due to expire on July 12, while few, if any, alterations are contemplated in the Neutrality Act, unless special legislation regarding Japan is sought.

Reds Seek Instructors
Soviets Have Learnt From Nazis Before
LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—If Stalin receives technical reinforcements from Germany to help him in the war in Finland, it will not be the first time that the Red Army has been stiffened with German military instructors, says "Reuter's" military correspondent.
Influenced 1937 Purge
In the pre-war decade, thousands of German professional officers and non-commissioned officers were employed with the Soviet armies, but Hitler recalled them when he rose to power. Stalin, however, executed many of his own officers arose directly from the influence exercised on their outlook by German training.



Tap-dancing film actress Ruby Keeler has filed a suit for divorce at Los Angeles against Al Tolson, known all over the world as the film stranger as "Sonny Boy." Miss Keeler is thirty. He is fifty-three. "Extreme cruelty" is alleged.

S. A. Rallies To Allied Cause
Volunteers Rushing To The Colours
LONDON, Jan. 2 (British Wire- less).—A survey of the military preparations in South Africa, made officially in the Union, states that the Union's new Citizen Army is making remarkable progress.
Reports from town and country in all quarters of South Africa reflect the enthusiasm with which the volunteers are coming forward.
A single example is the Botha Regiment, which had risen from a peace-time strength of 400 to a war-time strength of over 900, and the formation of another battalion of this regiment is in progress.

Cordial Co-operation
New units are also being formed in such typically rural areas as Messin, Barberton and Vereeniging. A spirit of cordial co-operation dominates all activities the survey continues, and any sectional differences have been set aside. Everywhere the fact is appreciated that all are South Africans and complete unity is expressed in the common cause. This survey points out that the lie is given to Nazi propagandist insinuations that discrimination against Africans speaking members of the defence force obtains, by the fact that by far the larger number of senior officers permanently serving in South Africa's army are men bearing Afrikaans names, and they, like the officers bearing English names, are bi-lingual.

Natives Want To Help
The anxiety of native peoples to participate in the defence of South Africa was expressed at a recent meeting in Pretoria of the Natives Representative Council, the most important organ of native opinion in the Union. During the meeting, one delegate summed up the position as follows: "Since war broke out, every African organisation that has held meeting has expressed its unswerving devotion to the King and to His Government in the Union. An account has recently appeared in the Press of how the native employees of a big concern in Transvaal have started a fund to buy a warship for Britain, and this I am convinced, is typical of what the native people throughout the Union are feeling."

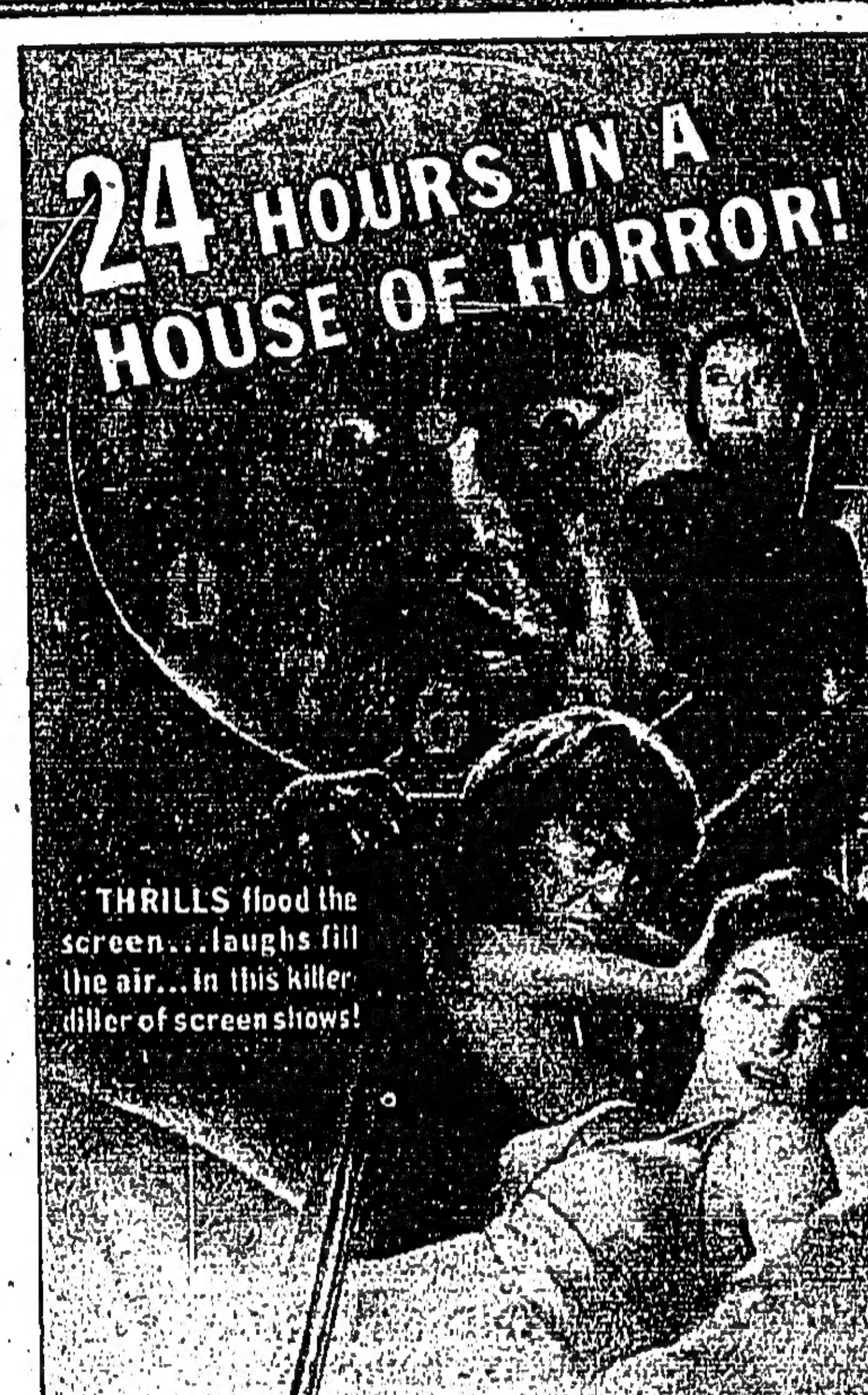
336 Die In U.S. Holiday Toll
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (UP).—The week-end holiday deaths numbered 336, of which 101 were due to traffic accidents, 43 suicides, 15 by fire, and 97 from miscellaneous causes, including drownings, falls, exposures and other forms of violence.
California registered 37 deaths and Illinois 30. Each of these States registered 21 deaths due to traffic mishaps.

174 Ships Took The B.E.F. To France
LONDON, Jan. 2 (British Wire- less).—In an article appearing in the weekly Journal, "Shipping World," Sir John Olinde, Minister of Shipping, reveals that the British Expeditionary Force was conveyed to France in 174 ships making a total of over 400 voyages.

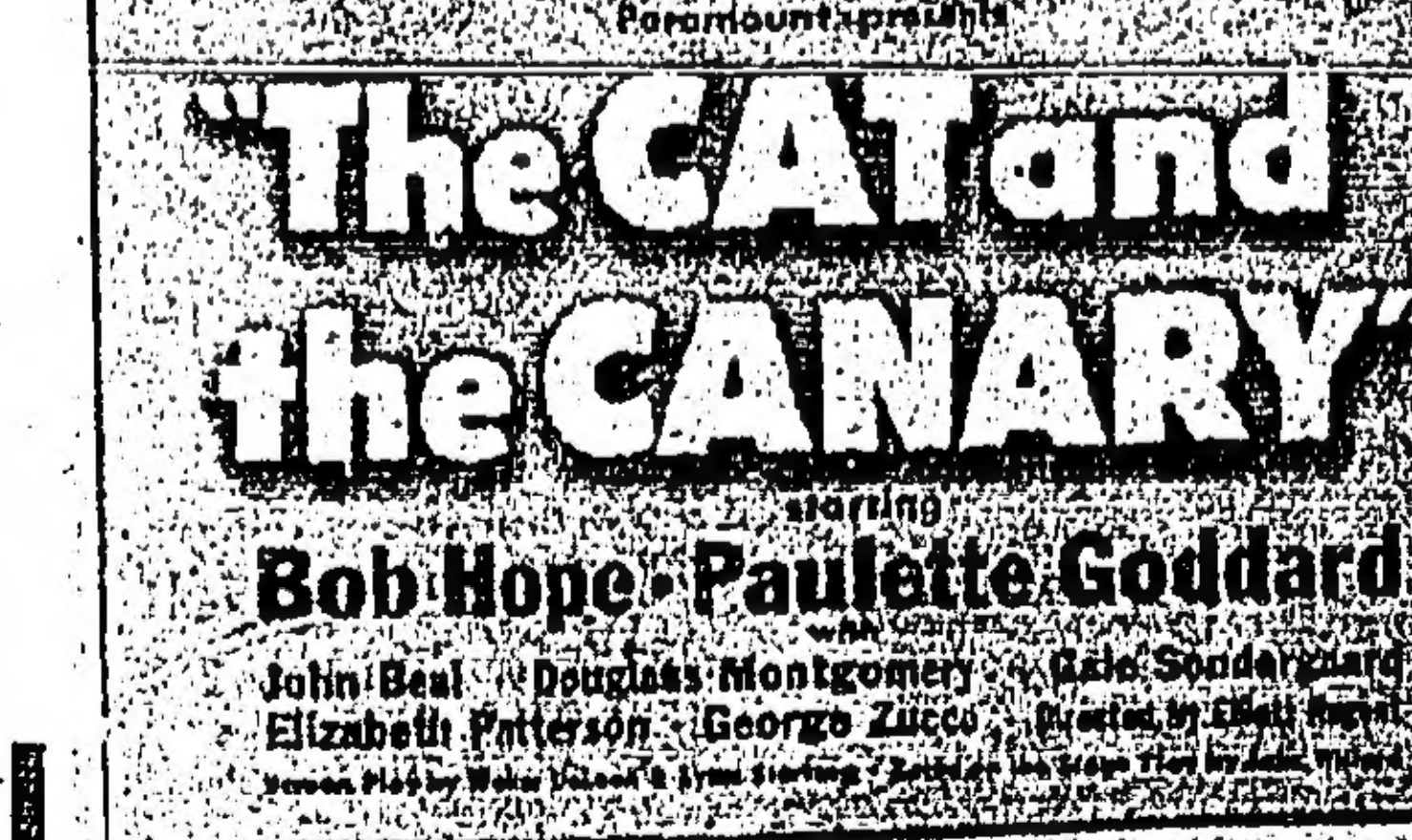
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A YOUNG English woman who had travelled right through the Siegfried Line arrived in London recently with her Hungarian husband, Dr. Lupkovics, after a journey from Slovakia which had taken two months and cost £150.

In the journey across Germany they ate hard-boiled eggs and cold bacon they had bought in Italy, because the German food was so poor.

In Holland they had their first hot bath in six weeks—you cannot get a hot bath in Germany because of fuel rationing.

Soldiers with whom they had to mix on troop trains during the last part of their trip had only apfelstrudel (pastry with apples and raisins) to eat.

Gun Flashes

Sitting on the floor of a friend's flat in Wolbur-place, W.C., one night, twenty-five-year-old Miss Lupkovics—formerly Miss Margaret Errington-Wales, of Tonbridge, Kent told me that after reaching Italy via Hungary and Jugoslavia they left Genoa for Berlin, by way of Brenner and Munich, says a correspondent.

"We travelled at night in a darkened carriage," she said, "with the blinds drawn. Every now and again an S.S. man would pop his head into the carriage to see that nobody was taking a peep out of the window."

"We managed to look out, though. We could see searchlights and the flash of guns near the towns, but whether that was practice or an air raid we could not find out."

"When we reached Berlin I was surprised at the poor way they had it blocked-out. On that levelled showing everywhere."

"The whole city seems to be in chaos. You cannot get a taxi at night. The army have just taken charge of the place."

"We saw no meat at all in Germany. Hotel prices are shocking. They charged us £2 for bed and breakfast at a small hotel where the normal charge should have been about 14s."

"We saw no bread, and only a little fish. Two plates of fried potatoes cost us 6s, though I must admit they gave us a devil of a lot of potatoes for our money."

"When we ate our Italian food from paper bags in the train, soldiers used to look at us hungrily. 'From Berlin we went to Hanover, where the regular train service ended, and then we went into third-class carriages with German soldiers. At every junction we could see anti-aircraft guns, either on raised platforms or partially hidden in pits."

Outside each station there were guns, too. We travelled on and off troop trains with my four suitcases and a hatbox."

"We actually got on one troop train which went to Kaldenkirchen, right in the Siegfried Line fortifications and the last station before the Dutch frontier. One side of the journey most of the soldiers were drunk."

"They didn't bother about pulling down the window blinds. We could see hundreds of workmen building pillboxes and other fortifications by the roadside, though all the lights were screened from the air by a kind of big umbrella."

"There was no guard on the train, and no ticket collector. We just got an ancient taxi outside the station. But after travelling to within two miles of the German Customs house on the frontier our driver refused to go any further."

"My husband walked on with two bags. I sat by the roadside with the rest of the luggage."

"We told the Customs man the same story about our being Hungarians trying to get to Holland. Thank heaven he didn't know my husband had a letter in his pocket from the British consul in Genoa giving us permission to land in England."

"We walked the remaining 300 yards to the Dutch Customs house at Venlo, and I must say I was glad to see London again."

Hitler's End Would Not Stop War

MELBOURNE.—"Unless a miracle happens, this will be the greatest struggle Britain has ever entered," declared Mr. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, speaking at a church service.

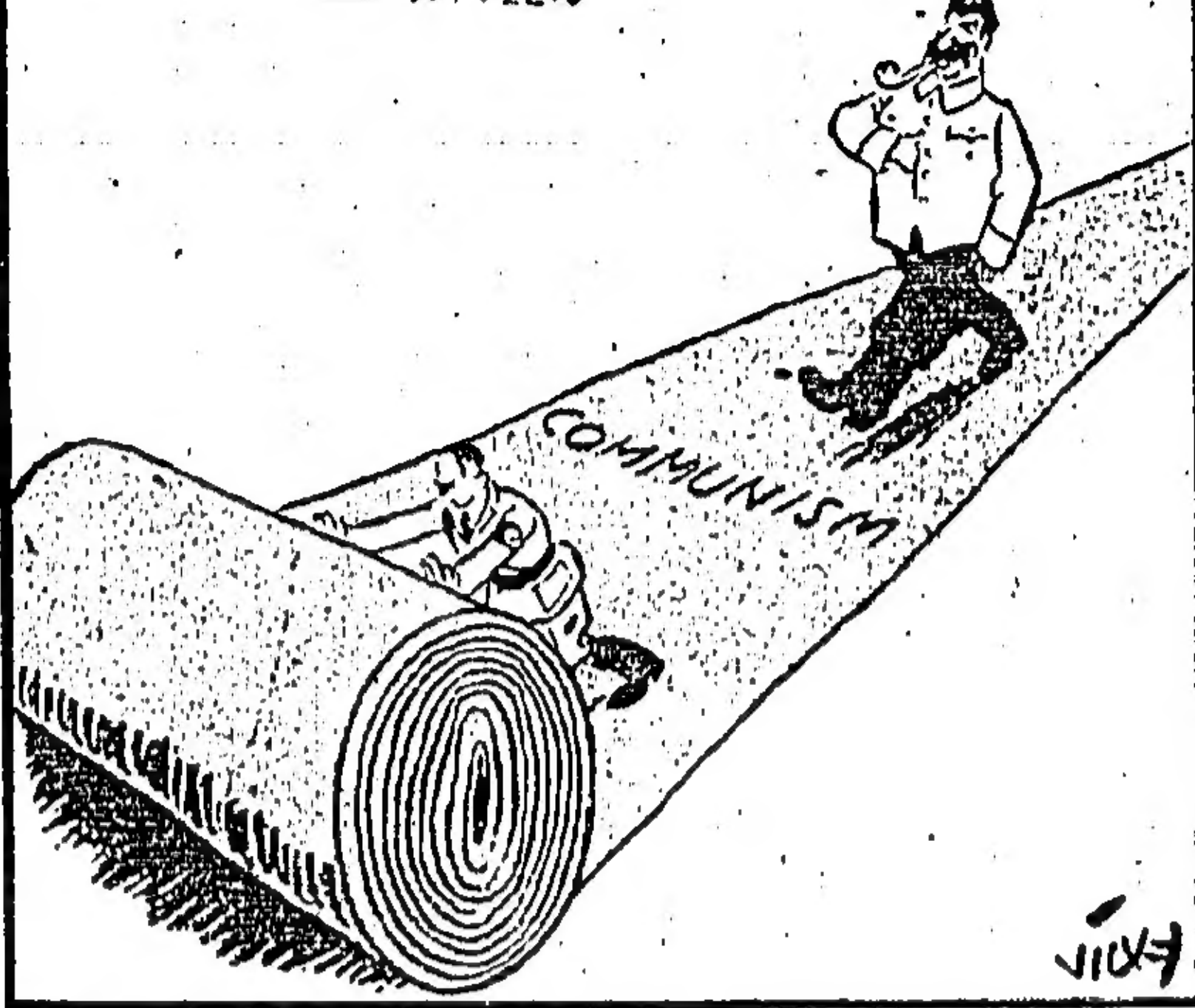
"It will be won," he said, "by the realisation that courage must be met with courage, resolution with resolution, industry with more industry."

"I disagree with the theory that we are fighting to win and that the war will be won if he is overthrown. Our fight is against a series of principles of conduct of government, the continued existence of which is intolerable."

"If Hitler ceased to exist the war would continue because the system exists in far more hearts than Hitler's."

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LATE NEWS

Flood Toll Mounts

ANKARA, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Hundreds of lives continue to be lost as floods sweep over the earthquake-stricken areas of Anatolia.

To-day the whole of western Anatolia is under swirling waters and it is now stated that the flood toll figures are even worse than was at first expected.

Soviet Snub

ANKARA, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The attitude of Soviet Russia towards the earthquake and flood disasters is the subject of comment in semi-official circles in the Turkish capital.

It is pointed out that, in direct opposition to the attitudes of Britain and France, Moscow has sent neither condolences nor offers of help.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR FINN G.H.Q.

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—In an attack yesterday in one sector, the exact location of which is not given, Soviet troops actually managed to get through to a Finnish staff headquarters.

Finnish staff officers and assistants, it is reported, beat off the attack with heavy losses to the Soviets.

The Colonel in charge has been decorated with the Finnish War Cross.

Another Helsingfors report says that Finnish troops yesterday captured one Soviet tank, three machine guns, a field kitchen and 400 overcoats.

Seizure of the overcoats is considered a special achievement in view of the bitterly cold weather.

A Stockholm message says that another battalion of Swedish volunteers has left for Finland.

Now that the New Year holidays are over, it is expected that the transport of Swedish volunteers will be considerably accelerated in order that the armies opposing the Soviets may get in a telling blow before the spring thaw sets in.

Cordell Hull's Denial

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull has denied that he has any personal ambitions to become the next President of the United States. His denial was in connection with the rumour that President Roosevelt had "sensed" him as successor.

The forthcoming session of Congress is expected to prove a sounding-board for the presidential candidates.

NAZI SHIP CAN'T LEAVE PORT

SANTOS, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The 10,000-ton German liner Windhuk has been forbidden to leave port, following a request by the Drefus Company of London, which is based on the ship's refusal to unload 60 tons which were taken on board at Port Elizabeth before the war.

The Windhuk arrived in Santos from Lobito a month ago, after being refitted and armed.

Swedish Ship Lost

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—A Swedish vessel of 1,000 tons has hit a mine and sunk.

The accident happened a few days ago but reports of the disaster were not forthcoming until last night.

Most of the crew were rescued by a Norwegian ship which happened to be in the vicinity.

GERMANS AID THE REDS

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—In response to an appeal from Stalin, Germany has sent a military mission to Leningrad to aid the Russians fight against the Finns, states the Amsterdam correspondent of the "News-Chronicle".

Stalin's request was for the assistance of German officers who fought with the Finns during the War of Liberation in 1918, and those form the bulk of the mission.

It is stated that the German War Office found considerable difficulty in persuading these men, who 21 years ago fought alongside General Mannerheim, now to turn against him.

It is importance will not be lost on the German official mind, which has long believed that in times of peril Mother Britannia could never reckon with certainty on the devotion and aid of her overseas offspring.

INDIA RESPONDS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The Washington "Evening Star" says that participation by Indian soldiers in the British Empire's war against Germany is significant.

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Gunboats To Be Withdrawn

SHANGHAI, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The British Embassy has announced that, in accordance with the recently announced decision to reduce the Yangtze flotilla to meet military requirements elsewhere, the three remaining gunboats on the upper reaches of the Yangtze above Hankow will be put out of commission.

Bullet Wound In Head

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Miss Unity Milford is now on her way back to England with a bullet wound in her head. She is expected home to-day.

It is reported that Hitler personally ordered the arrangements which have resulted in her returning to England, and it is understood that she is reaching Britain through either Belgium or Holland.

Lord Rêdecade, her father, is waiting at a Channel port for his daughter, and has made arrangements for her to complete her journey in an ambulance.

"Mass Raid On England" Order

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—An important German industrialist who has just returned from Berlin states that Hitler has ordered Goering to make a tremendous air attack on England, reports the Budapest correspondent of the "News Chronicle".

According to Goering's closest friends, the Nazi air chief replied that he would do so only upon the Fuehrer's written order. If this is made, Goering will command the leading squadron himself. He refuses to take the responsibility for ordering what he considers would be a terrible catastrophe for Germany.

This, says the "News Chronicle" correspondent, is apparently the cause of Goering's retirement to his own estate and the break between him and other Nazi leaders, which has been reported by many neutral observers in Berlin.

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